

KELLOGG PLAN IS ACCEPTED BY JAPAN

State Department Refrains From Making Comment Diplomatic Angles.

Washington, D. C.—Japan has expressed warm sympathy with Secretary Kellogg's proposal for a treaty renouncing war as an instrument of national policy and has notified the American government that she will be glad to cooperate cordially toward the attainment of that end.

White state department officials would make no comment on the Japanese reply. It was understood they felt it was favorable to the plan of the American secretary to bring into force the treaty between the nations against warfare. The communication said: "The government of Japan sympathizes warmly with the high and beneficent aims of the proposal now made by the United States, which they take to imply the entire abolition of the institution of war, and they will be glad to render most cordial co-operation toward the attainment of that end.

"The proposal of the United States is understood to contain nothing that would refuse independent states the right of self-defense, and nothing which is incompatible with the obligations of agreements guaranteeing the public peace, such as are embodied in the covenant of the league of nations and the treaties of Locarno."

DIRIGIBLE ITALIA ASKS FOR HELP

San Francisco.—Calls for help for General Umberto Nobile's dirigible Italia, in peril somewhere in the arctic wastes, were picked out of the air by Pacific coast radio operators early Sunday.

Position of the Italia was not given. The message came time after time, first in Italian, then in French, and again in English, garbled, and almost undecipherable because of distance or low-powered sending apparatus.

Surmise that the Italia, more than five days out of Spitzbergen on its voyage for the north pole, was broadcasting its appeal from "some point north of Siberia was advanced, because of the repetition with its radio calls of RAO3 of the prefix "AS," assigned by the International Amateur Radio union for use of Siberian stations. The message, repeated with infinite tri-lingual patience, was: "S. O. S. ASRAO3 Dirigible Italia with General Nobile in disaster. It is equipped to radio on a wave length of 40.45 meters. Please help immediately."

ROCKET-DRIVEN CAR TRIED

Novel Motive Power Thought Best for Fast Journey at High Levels.

Berlin.—The "Opel rocket car," propelled by the explosion of rockets placed in the rear of the machine, was demonstrated for the first time on the Avus speedway recently, attaining a speed variously estimated at 100 miles an hour. Fritz von Opel was at the wheel.

The car started with a terrific roar, emitting a sheet of flame and a cloud of yellow smoke as the successive rockets gained momentum as one after another, of uniform power, was shot off, the car taking a lunge forward as each fresh rocket exploded.

Von Opel said the machine was not intended to revolutionize motoring, but was a practical step toward solution of the problem of flying at a terrific speed through the highest altitudes of the earth's atmospheric strata, with the object of making a flight between Europe and America within a few hours, and encircling the earth within a day.

169 Radio Stations Face Abolishment.

Washington, D. C.—Another long step toward elimination of interference in broadcasting channels was taken by the federal radio commission when it moved to cancel the licenses of 169 radio stations throughout the country. All of the licenses would have expired automatically on June 1, but the commission extended them for 60 days, during which period the holders will be given an opportunity to show "that public interest, convenience and necessity" will be served by a renewal of the licenses.

Radio Monopoly Is Charged.

Washington, D. C.—The federal trade commission in a complaint issued recently charged the Radio Corporation of America with violations of the Clayton act and the federal trade commission act embodying unlawful restraint of trade and monopolies. The complaint charges that the corporation had sold vacuum tubes to approximately 25 manufacturers of radio sets upon an agreement that they buy their tubes from no other concern.

MRS. MARY A. TAYLOR



Mrs. Mary Atwater Taylor, winner of the nation-wide contest for the best poem on "Monticello," the home of Thomas Jefferson. The poem is to be framed and hung in the hall of the famous old Virginia mansion.

PRESBYTERIANS TO CONSIDER UNION

St. Louis.—Delegates to the United Presbyterian church conference here took up for discussion a proposal to unite all religious denominations.

"The unity of God's followers is not a subject which can be sidestepped any longer," the Rev. Robert M. Kerr said in his opening sermon.

The Rev. Dr. William A. Spalding of Albany, Or., pastor of the oldest United Presbyterian church of the world, was elected unanimously moderator at the opening session of the conference. He succeeded the Rev. Dr. M. G. Kyle.

The United Presbyterian Church of North America, in annual session in St. Louis, has been invited to meet in Portland for the 1929 assembly, according to the Rev. A. Theodore Smith, pastor of First church in Portland, who said there were good promises that Portland's efforts will be successful.

DEATH LAYS HEAVY HAND

Toll Largest in Recent Years, But in 65th Congress 21 Died.

Washington, D. C.—Death's scythe has mowed down in the seventeenth congress the heaviest toll of members in recent years.

The number was brought to seven recently when Representative Thomas S. Butler of Pennsylvania died. The others who died during the session were Senator Andrius A. Jones of New Orleans, Senator Woodbridge Ferris of Michigan, Representative Martin B. Madden of Illinois, Representative James Gallivan of Massachusetts and Representative Thaddeus C. Sweet of New York.

While the death toll of the session is the largest in recent years, yet other congressional terms have been marked by much heavier demises of members. In the 65th congress 21 members died.

German Cabinet to Resign.

Berlin.—Dr. Wilhelm Marx and his entire cabinet have decided to resign. The chancellor and his minister let it be known, however, that they will continue their official duties until the eve of the assembling of the new reichstag.

Oil Quiz Nets U. S. \$2,000,000.

Washington, D. C.—The government has collected more than \$2,000,000 in delinquent taxes from persons connected with the Continental Trading Company deal as a result of the senate Teapot Dome inquiry.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.54; soft white, western white, \$1.45; hard winter, northern spring, western red, \$1.34.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$19@19.50; valley timothy, \$19@19.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@21.50.
Butterfat—44@45c.
Eggs—Ranch, 20 1/2 @ 25c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.25@12.25.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$8.50@9.50.
Lamb—Good to choice, \$12.50@13.
Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.45; hard winter, \$1.34; western red, northern spring, bluestem, \$1.35; dark hard winter, -1.55; dark northern spring, \$1.57.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$28; P. S. \$24.
Butterfat—46c.
Eggs—Ranch, 23@31c.
Cattle—Steers, medium to good, \$11@12.25.
Hogs—Prime, \$9.90@\$10.
Lamb—Choice, \$11.50@13.
Spokane.
Hogs—Good, and choice, \$9@9.35.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.75@11.25.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Ideal weather and a huge crowd greeted the annual strawberry carnival held in Roseburg last week.

Haines' 10th annual stampede is the next big event in eastern Oregon, the dates for the show being June 1 and 2.

Approximately 400 members of the Lions' club attended the state convention held in Salem last Friday and Saturday.

A class of 72 was graduated from Baker high school last week. H. M. Broadbent, superintendent of schools, presented the diplomas.

The mill levy for the Jackson county fair carried by 1937, although the vote was adverse in the towns of Ashland, Jacksonville and Eagle Point.

The I. O. O. F. grand lodge, which concluded its state convention in Roseburg last week, selected Medford as the site of next year's assembly.

The agricultural department bill carries an item of \$10,000 annually for the crop rotation work in Umatilla county, according to word received from Senator McNary.

The five district high schools of Willough county this year will graduate 42 boys and 43 girls, the largest number of graduates in the high school history of the county.

Eugene's first annual spring flower show was held last week. The exhibition was sponsored by the Eugene Garden club and several hundred exhibitors competed for prizes.

The Eastern Oregon Developing company, holding company of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company, is planning the erection in La Grande of a \$12,000 brick sub-station.

Walter Ott, 16, son of the president of the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau, has been declared winner of the Union Pacific scholarship for boys' and girls' club work in Umatilla county.

Rainbow trout eggs to the number of 6,000,000 have been taken at Diamond lake during the past two weeks, and 3,000,000 more are in sight, according to Superintendent Matt Ryckman.

Corn planted near Dayton last week is up and has a good healthy color. All other growing crops are thriving. Strawberries are ripening and being marketed now. They are large and well developed.

The Rogue river valley entrance to Crater Lake park is open to within three miles of Anna Spring camp. It is expected to have the entire highway cleared of snow to the rim of the lake by June 22.

Baker's city commission has approved on first reading an ordinance taxing the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company 25 cents per month for each of its poles on a street or alley in the city.

The fishing boat Wolverine, reported missing from Coos bay for two weeks and thought to have been lost, has arrived at Newport with the first catch of halibut that has reached that port this season.

Mrs. Alma Carpenter, an experienced trained nurse, will open a hospital in Condon. She has purchased the Fitzmaurice place on Main street and will have the place fully equipped for use as a hospital.

Jay C. Richards, 9, son of Clarence Richards of Cove, died last week from a gunshot wound received while hunting ground squirrels. His older brother fired the fatal shot but did not know that Jay was near him.

Linn county is having its first experience with oiled roads, four miles of the Linn county market road between Jefferson and Seio, in addition to sections of the Mills City-Lyons road, being oiled last week.

More than 500 persons attended the annual Marion county Jersey show held at the state fair grounds in Salem. There were approximately 75 entries, with Professor Knott of Washington State college acting as judge.

Stage service to Reedsport, two busses each way a day, starting June 15, was announced by Gorst & King, operators of intercity bus lines in North Bend, Marshfield, Englewood and Charleston. The Coast Auto lines will put on stages from Coos Bay to connect with the Reedsport-Drain line in early summer.

The Joseph H. Albert prize, given annually to the Salem high school senior adjudged to have made the greatest advancement during the year in character, service and wholesome influence, was awarded this year to Hayes Beall.

With 37 county breeders exhibiting stock and with entries of higher quality than ever before, the fourth annual spring Jersey cattle show of the Linn County Jersey club was held in Albany last week. One hundred Jerseys were entered.

The McKenzie pass was opened for traffic last week. A snow plow, operated by the highway department, was the first vehicle to reach the summit. Reports received at Salem indicated that travel over McKenzie pass this year would be heavier than ever before.

Present estimates are that Douglas county will have between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 pounds of prunes this year. Indications point to a normal crop of prunes and about 15 per cent drop of Italians. All prunes will be dried except those taken by Roseburg canneries.

No prunes will be dried and none will be shipped fresh to eastern markets from the Willamette valley this year, according to Salem growers. It was said that the Italian prune crop virtually is a complete failure. Growers said prunes will not be sufficient to fill the demands of the canneries.

Bids for basement construction of the new state tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles will be opened June 2, the state board of control announced. On June 2 bids also will be opened for construction of the nurses' home at the state hospital in Salem. Excavation operations for this structure already have been completed.

Plans were completed at Salem whereby the output of the Oregon linen mills will be doubled with a material reduction in comparative production costs. Colonel W. B. Bartram, state flax expert, said 50 additional employes would be placed on the payroll and that every effort would be made to fill all orders as fast as they arrive.

A meeting of the Tualatin Valley Growers' association was held last week in Beaverton, at which it was decided not to attempt to barrel berries locally this year, as it was so late before arrangements could be made. Growers will perfect a stronger organization next year earlier in the season and plan to barrel berries in Beaverton.

Lariat artists have a new sport at Klamath Falls, following the example set by Joseph S. Kirk, who at Klamath lake lassoed a pelican. The big bird was drawn to shore. From the captive's beak were disgorged a number of fish. Seagulls swooped down to snatch from the water fish the pelican dropped. The pelican was released and charged back into the lake, where he recovered a part of his meal.

A bolt of lightning killed four horses hitched to a wood wagon and stunned to unconsciousness the driver, Donald Teifer, when an electric storm passed over the Donnybrook community of Jefferson county last week. Fenton Wharton, rancher, was behind Teifer in another wagon, but neither he nor his horses was injured. The storm which struck Jefferson county resulted in cloudbursts in some sections.

Cameramen from the state insurance department last Sunday filmed Jacksonville's antiquated fire-fighting apparatus of the old town. The films show the hand-pump and pioneer citizens of the old-time mining camp in action, as well as the large crowd that turned out to witness the old boys in action. These films will be used throughout the United States and also before all the fire associations in the country.

The Oregon wool market was fairly active last week, considering the small supply remaining. Dealers estimate only about 350,000 pounds left unsold in eastern Oregon and with the disposal of one or two good-sized clips the season will be practically at an end. Aside from small ranch lots, no wool is left unsold at Echo, Willough, Pilot Rock or Baker. Only one clip remains to be marketed at Shaniko and one at Condon.

H. L. Andrews, federal state shipping point service inspector for the eastern part of the state, has been appointed La Grande city inspector, following a new food and drink ordinance passed by the city commission that became effective last Saturday. The ordinance provides that every retailer dealing in food and drink products must have an annual license issued after a certificate of inspection is approved by Andrews.

Packing of strawberries by some of Salem's 13 canneries got under way recently. The Paulus Brothers Packing company is specializing in Marshall and Oregon berries. This company now has contracts with Marion county growers for delivery of approximately 650 tons of strawberries. The Starr cannery will open on gooseberries and strawberries next week. Virtually all other canneries in this vicinity will be in full operation soon.

Wheat crop prospects east of the Cascades were further improved by the rains in the first part of last week. Pendleton advices were of a good rainfall in that section and Condon, La Grande and other points also reported welcome moisture.

An egg has been discovered in Corvallis that is all yolk. This is a rare article, reports A. G. Lunn, professor of poultry husbandry, who says that all-white eggs and eggs with the yolk and white mixed, are found occasionally, but seldom one of all yolk.

PHIL WOOD



Phil Wood, who with Duke Schiller, first man to fly a relief plane to the Junkers plane Bremen, is planning to attempt an east-west transatlantic flight, starting from Ireland in an English-built seaplane with Old Orchard, Maine, as their destination.

NANKING GOVERNMENT LOOKS TO U. S. IN CRISIS

Washington, D. C.—A formal request that the United States convoke representatives of the European powers to curb Japan's occupation of Manchuria will be presented to Secretary of State Kellogg by Dr. C. C. Wu, special envoy of the Nanking government.

Aside from the declaration that he will attempt to present the plea for all China, the Chinese statesman declined to discuss for publication in advance of his reception at the state department the detailed outline of his aims. He talked freely, however, concerning public opinion in China as related to the Japanese ultimatum that no Chinese troops will be permitted to invade Manchuria.

China feels strongly that Japan has flagrantly violated the nine-power Washington treaty of 1922 guaranteeing the political and territorial integrity of China.

Kellogg has stated officially since the publication of the Japanese ultimatum that the United States recognizes no special rights of any power in Manchuria, beyond the Japanese rights under the Japanese lease of the Manchurian railroad.

Under the Washington treaty, the powers are obligated to consider jointly what action shall be taken whenever any signatory violates Chinese sovereignty.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

President Coolidge has signed a bill authorizing the appropriation of \$7,000,000 for eradication of the European corn borer.

The senate has sustained President Coolidge's veto of the McNary Haugen farm relief bill. This kills the measure for this session.

The senate agreed to the conference report on the Walsh bill raising salaries of 135,000 federal employes by an estimated \$20,000,000.

President Coolidge has signed the bill authorizing an appropriation of \$15,000,000 for additional hospital facilities for the care of mentally afflicted world war veterans.

England received something of a shock on learning that the late Lord Oxford and Asquith, one-time premier, who devoted his life to politics, left an estate of only about £9000 (\$45,000) and that he was relieved of financial worry during his last days by the beneficence of friends.

\$312,745 is Spent to Elect Hoover.

Washington, D. C.—Known expenditures on behalf of Herbert Hoover were increased to \$312,745 with the testimony of Claudius H. Huston of Chattanooga and New York, before the senate campaign funds committee, that he had collected \$52,500 and expended \$32,296 to promote the candidacy of the commerce secretary for the republican presidential nomination.

Austria Makes Immediate Apology.

Vienna.—Action was taken to forestall any possible protest from Premier Mussolini over the incident at Innsbruck last week, when the Italian flag was torn down from the Italian consulate by nationalist students. The Austrian government tendered formal apologies to the Italian charge d'affaires at Vienna.

Firemen and Enginemen Win Award.

Chicago.—Fifty-five western railroads are faced with the alternative of accepting an arbitration board's award and paying their more than 50,000 firemen and enginemen increased wages or appealing the award to the United States supreme court.

CONGRESS WANTS TO ADJOURN THIS WEEK

Boulder Canyon Dam and Cruiser Building Facing Filibuster.

Washington, D. C.—Its heavy work over—and this work sets almost a record of accomplishments for any session since the war—congress is in a position to quit this week.

Only Boulder-canyon dam and the cruiser construction bill remain of the long list of tasks to which the 70th congress set itself last December. Both of these measures, already passed by the house, face filibusters in the senate. While at attempt will be made by proponents of those two bills to delay the end of the session until Saturday or a week from Tuesday, little hope was held out that either could be brought to a final vote regardless of whatever time might be determined upon for the close of the term, because of the filibusters hanging over each.

Final enactment into law of four major legislative proposals still awaits the necessary approval of President Coolidge. On his desk are the Muscle Shoals, tax reduction, postal rates revision and second deficiency appropriation measures. All of these were sent to the White House during the busy rush of the last few days.

Three of the other four big problems of the session have been placed upon the statute books—flood control, development of the merchant marine and the alien property settlement act. The fourth, farm relief, has gone through the legislative mill and ended in the wa'st' basket, the senate sustaining the veto of President Coolidge on the McNary-Haugen measure.

In addition, all of the annual supply bills to meet the expenditures of the government during the coming fiscal year have been completed, leaders of both the house and senate taking particular pains to get them out of the way well in advance of the usual end of the session legislative jam.

RIVERS AND HARBORS MEASURE IS READY

Washington, D. C.—A rivers and harbors bill authorizing \$48,500,000 to be expended on navigation improvement projects in various sections of the country was approved by the house rivers and harbors committee.

Chairman Dempsey of the committee said that he does not expect to seek action by the house on the measure before adjournment.

The major project in the bill was for the deepening of the Great Lakes connecting channels to a 24-foot draft at an estimated cost of \$29,265,400. Other large projects were \$1,500,000 for the deepening of the Mississippi river between Grafton, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo.; \$1,366,000 for the Columbia and lower Willamette river below Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, Or.; \$1,505,000 on the Savannah river below Augusta, Ga.; \$1,000,000 for Brazos harbor, Tex.; \$775,000 for Honolulu harbor, Hawaii, and a project for the deepening of the Missouri river between Kansas City and Sioux City, Ia., for which no figure was set, but which was estimated would cost several million dollars.

CONVENTION MINUS HOOVER

Lowden, Watson, Curtis and Many Others Plan to Be Present.

Washington, D. C.—Herbert Hoover intends to stay more than 1000 miles away from the republican national convention. He will remain in Washington while the balloting is on, leaving his campaign on the convention floor for the presidential nomination to a group of lieutenants.

In reaching a decision not to go to Kansas City, Mr. Hoover is following a course similar to that of Governor Smith of New York, who announced some weeks ago that he had no intention of going to Houston to press his fight for the democratic nomination.

Several other democratic presidential aspirants, however, are planning to be on deck when the Houston convention gets under way four weeks from Tuesday, and a number of those who are after the republican nomination will keep close tab on convention developments by going to Kansas City.

3 Dead, 2 Wounded in Bank Robbery.

Lamar, Colo.—Three dead, two wounded and one missing was the known human toll of the robbery of the First National bank of this city last Wednesday. The quartet of bandits have not been found, although armed posses have scoured western Kansas, eastern Colorado and the northwest corner of Oklahoma.

Civil War Widows Get Pension Boost.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge has signed a bill raising the pension to Civil war widows from \$30 to \$40 a month.