

FIFTEEN NATIONS SIGN PEACE TREATY

Pact to Outlaw War is Concluded at Meeting Held in Paris.

Paris.—Representatives of 15 great nations met here Monday and solemnly pledged their peoples to outlaw war from the earth.

Never since the signing of the treaty of Versailles, ending the World war, has there been such a gathering of men prominent in the world's capitals.

The United States, as it did at the Washington disarmament conference, has taken the lead again in the search for peace.

Frank B. Kellogg, the United States secretary of state, who signed for his country, proposed the agreement after an exchange of ideas with Aristide Briand, the French foreign minister.

An effort will be made to have the treaty subscribed to by every nation on earth, Kellogg announced. After the original signatories have ratified it, each of the other countries will be invited especially to subscribe.

Germany signed the treaty first. It is regarded as a happy omen, made possible by the decision to have the nations sign in alphabetical order. In French, Germany is called Allemagne.

Briand signed for France. Kellogg, who signed for the United States, was about half way down the list, as the French name for the American republic is Etats Unis.

Lord Cushendun, acting foreign secretary of Great Britain in the absence of Austen Chamberlain, signed twice—once for Britain, Northern Ireland and the Dominions not reported in the League of Nations, and once for India.

The others were Italy, Belgium, Japan, Union of South Africa, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Irish Free State, Poland and Czecho-Slovakia.

ROBBER OF VERNONIA BANK IS CAPTURED

Vernonia, Or.—One hour after he had robbed the bank of Vernonia, R. E. Doone, 25, had been captured, had confessed, had waived preliminary hearing, and had been held to the grand jury under \$8000 bail.

Doone was the second "customer" to enter the bank after it was opened by Alma Kullander, assistant cashier. The first was Frank Heath, a grocer. In addition to these two, Helen Heiber and Lowell Roberts, clerks, were in the bank.

Doone, his face partly covered by a handkerchief, furnished his revolver and ordered Heath and the bank employes into the vault.

After scouring the cages for money, he opened the door and directed the inmates of the vault to pass out the currency.

A few blocks from the bank Doone stopped Tony Norino's car and forced Norino to drive him out of town. Marshal Harry Phelps, responding to the sound of the gun, gave chase and caught the car just outside the city. Doone did not resist arrest.

RAILROAD STRIKE POSSIBLE

Trainmen's Official Says Men Stand Fast for Wage Increase.

Cleveland, O.—Basing his statement upon telegrams received from union officials in various western states, A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, predicted that a strike, affecting 70,000 railroad workers west of Chicago, will be called early in September, unless the roads meet the union wage demands.

Members of the trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors have been balloting upon a strike.

Reports from the west are to the effect that a walkout is virtually certain, Whitney said.

Strike ballots are to be returned to Chicago September 2, but the result will not be announced officially until September 4.

The strike vote is being taken upon the question of the original union demands for increases ranging from 10 to 15 per cent. A compromise offer of 7 1/2 per cent was turned down by the unions.

Turks Grant Americans New Trial

Constantinople.—A sentence of three days' imprisonment recently imposed by the Broussa petty court upon three American teachers charged with religious propaganda has been annulled by the court of appeals and the case will be retried. The women are Miss Edith Sanderson of Berkeley, Cal.; Miss Lucille Day and Miss Jennie Johnson, all teachers in the American school at Broussa.

Soldier's Shoe Nail Starts Fire

West Point, N. Y.—Sparks from a soldier's hobnailed shoe were blamed for a \$200,000 fire here. A garage and reserve trucks at the military academy here were destroyed.

DR. HALDOR R. BARNES



Dr. Haldor R. Barnes, the Danish physician selected by Commander Byrd as the official doctor for his expedition to the Antarctic.

BYRD'S FLAGSHIP STARTS ON VOYAGE

New York.—The flagship of Commander Richard E. Byrd's antarctic expedition sailed Saturday, carrying 32 men and 200 tons of supplies and equipment to Dunedin, N. Z., point of departure for the south polar continent.

Aboard the 160-foot barque City of New York rode Commander Byrd and a party of 40 close friends who bid the craft goodbye at quarantine. The ship, equipped with an auxiliary engine, will proceed direct to Dunedin, where she will meet the other members of the expedition, sailing next month on two vessels. Byrd plans to catch one of these ships at San Pedro, Cal., on October 15.

Airplanes to be used by Commander Byrd for gathering scientific data on the vast ice-ridden land will travel south on the other ships. In one of these planes, a tri-motored monoplane, the leader hopes to reach the south pole.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Senator William H. King was nominated unanimously to succeed himself by the Utah democratic state convention.

One conviction of either reckless or drunken driving will henceforth mean the cancellation of a California motorist's license to operate a car.

The epidemic of dengue, which has already caused 300 deaths in Athens and more than 100,000 cases of sickness, has spread to the Greek army.

Bees, whole swarms of them, can be sent through the mails, if delivery can be made within a period of five days, the postoffice department has announced.

The state of Oregon received approximately \$470,000 from the operation of the gasoline tax during the month of July. The gasoline tax produced \$433,500 in July, 1927.

Defunct Insurance Company Absorbed

St. Louis.—The Missouri State Life Insurance company became the largest life insurance company west of the Mississippi by its merger with the International Life Insurance company. Combined insurance in force exceeds \$1,000,000,000. The Missouri State assumed all obligations of approximately \$320,000,000 outstanding insurance of the International. Thus no policyholder loses anything in the wreck of the International, brought about by alleged withdrawal of \$3,542,000 assets by its president, Roy C. Toombs of Chicago.

Smith Near Death When Horses Run

Seagirt, N. J.—Governor Alfred E. Smith had a narrow escape from injury or death here when the horses pulling a tallyho in which the governor was riding bolted. Governor A. Harry Moore of New Jersey was in the tallyho with Smith. The field was covered with ruts, which tossed the tallyho about, and several times it almost upset. After a dash of about 400 yards, the driver regained control of the reins and halted the panting steeds.

Young Pilot and Student Flier Injured

Vancouver, Wash.—Jimmie Rinehart, well-known Portland 20-year-old aviator, suffered a broken rib and minor cuts and bruises, and Jimmie Nolan, 36, a student flier, also of Portland, was badly shaken up and bruised when their plane fell 2000 feet here and landed in a prune orchard.

China and Japan Friction Less

Shanghai, China.—The Sino-Japanese treaty deadlock resulting from the Chinese nationalist government's declaration July 19 that it intends to abrogate the Sino-Japanese commercial pact is lessening, according to C. T. Wing, nationalist foreign minister.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

Umatilla county's wheat crop for 1928 was estimated at 4,750,000 bushels by Henry Collins, Pendleton grain dealer.

Heavy marketing of white cedar recently is noted in North Bend, one shipper last week, W. J. Conrad, sending out 3,000,000 feet.

Hop picking began at Dayton last week in the Will Magness 17-acre yard, near the Wheatland ferry. One cent a pound is paid for picking.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Columbia hotel and its contents at Wheeler. The loss is placed at \$8500 with insurance of \$4500 by the owner.

The Eastern Oregon Light & Power company has let a contract to S. P. Nielsen of La Grande for the erection of a new sub-station at that place to cost \$12,000.

Jack Hudson, deputy surveyor of Washington county, dropped dead Friday while working with an engineering crew near Buxton. Heart trouble was the cause.

The Gold Hill schools will open Monday, September 10, with George Meissinger as superintendent, who will teach history and economics in the high school.

The Kentucky Wonder bean harvest in the Grand Island district is at the peak and night and day shifts have been working for several days at the cannery in Dayton.

Fire of an undetermined origin nearly destroyed the Union county courthouse at La Grande, the flames gutting most of the interior of the two-story building.

E. C. Lake, for 44 years a resident of Eugene, died suddenly of heart disease. Mr. Lake had been in the granite and marble business in that city for about 40 years.

The California-Oregon power line is being extended from Roseburg eight miles northwest toward Garden valley to supply electrical energy for the farms in that locality.

The amount of money asked for the schools of Bandon has decreased every year since 1924, when the amount asked was \$52,037.28. This year the amount asked is \$47,044.10.

G. G. Partin, farming west of Redmond, paid a fine of \$10 in justice court at Bend after pleading guilty to a charge of allowing irrigation water to run onto a county road.

The Pine Valley Fair association has decided on September 28-29 as the dates for the county fair and preparation is being made for the biggest event yet staged in Halfway.

High school graduates last year for Clatsop county's high schools numbered 172 and graduates from grade schools was 312, according to O. H. Byland, county superintendent.

O. J. Butler, station agent at Tigard for the Oregon Electric, has received orders to close the office, business having fallen off to such an extent that it is unprofitable to have an agent.

J. H. Henry of Pasadena, Cal., and Lincoln, N. H., has started construction of a lumber mill on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway and plans building a city there, to be known as Lincoln.

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Paul Dettelsen, Coquille high school student, is dead at Myrtle Point from a double skull fracture received when his car left the road and plunged over a grade into the north fork of the Coquille river.

A new structure to replace the schoolhouse totally destroyed by fire July 26, will be built immediately in the Danebo district near Eugene. Citizens voted a bond issue of \$5000 to provide a new building.

The first annual Oregon twin roundup will be held in Albany September 1, according to plans of Leonard Gilkey, secretary of the chamber of commerce. Each set of twins entering will receive an entry award of \$1, and other prizes will be granted for the two that most resemble each other and the youngest and oldest pairs.

Scolded because she went to a dance at Seaside with a girl whom her father did not approve, Margaret Basil, 17, daughter of Rudolph Basil of Astoria, committed suicide by leaping into the water near the Young's bay bridge.

Three road crews are working in Crater National forest. Forty are building road at Fish lake, 15 in the Dead Indian area, while 15 are in the Lodge Pole district. These crews will continue until winter and will continue work next spring.

The Nehalem Bay fair was held at Nehalem for a two-day session with a record attendance. One of the features of the fair was the floral display, said to excel any seen there in the past.

The Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce has adopted a resolution opposing the four bills designed to close the Rogue, Umpqua, McKenzie and Deschutes rivers to further power and irrigation development.

Actual construction has commenced on a new dam across the Rogue river at the site of the power plant formerly owned by the city of Gold Hill, and lately acquired by the Beaver Portland Cement company.

The city council of Marshfield ordered an investigation of conditions which prevail against radio reception, and intends enforcing an ordinance providing against electrically equipped machines during the night time.

Deer in Curry county are more plentiful than for years, according to John Adams, former game warden, who farms in the hills, and complains that deer have been breaking through his fences and eating his vegetables.

The general fund deficit of the state now aggregates approximately \$109,000, but will be increased to more than \$750,000 by the first of next year, according to a statement given out by Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer.

Improvement of the Pacific highway between New Era and Oregon City will be completed in November, according to Roy Klein, state highway engineer. Rock work will continue throughout the winter, but this will not interfere with traffic.

Repairing of the bridge over the Yamhill river at the east edge of Dayton is completed. Farmers along the Dayton-Salem market road met with the Yamhill county court in McMinnville and decided on measures to speed up road construction.

T. A. Snyder, 65, employed on a ranch near Donald, was killed some time Saturday night when he was struck by an unidentified motorist. His body was found near the highway on which he was walking from his place of employment to Donald.

A. C. Chase, who is operating the Holt-Chase cannery at Myrtle Point, says there is a heavy demand for blackberries, and he is asking for pickers when the season opens. The cannery is operating on corn on cob, evergreen blackberries and beans.

A Rambouillet ram bred by the University of Idaho topped the second annual Oregon ram sale last week, held in Pendleton. It was sold to Harry Ruhl for \$350. Five hundred rams were sold. The sale was conducted by the Oregon Wool Growers association.

At the nine state institutions for the care of the insane, feeble-minded, prisoners and other wards, the population July 31, 1928, was 4964, as against 4747 on the same date in 1927. The most pronounced increase in population was at the state hospitals and penitentiary.

Dragged a long distance by runaway horses, Louis Papa, Pleasant Ridge farmer, died within 12 hours, according to information received at Redmond. The wagon to which the horses were hitched ran over the farmer, breaking several bones and causing internal injuries.

More than 3000 persons are now employed in the canneries operating in Salem, according to a labor survey completed recently. Approximately 1000 of these workers are employed in one cannery. Reports indicated that the canneries would continue to operate until late in October.

The second cutting of hay in the Halfway district is practically all in the stacks and threshing of grain is under way. Despite the late spring, crops are excellent and quite as early as usual. Quite a number of hay crops have already been sold and the price is very gratifying to the farmers.

The spring fishing season on the Columbia closed August 25 as provided by law. Efforts to secure an extension of a week on the grounds that the season has been abnormal was abandoned with the receipt of definite news that Governor Hartley of Washington has refused to act upon the plea of the fishermen.

Crater lake national park in Oregon is having the most popular year in its history, the national park service has been informed. The number of travelers visiting the park has broken all records and they represent every state in the union, Hawaii and Porto Rico and nine foreign countries, ranging from Canada to South Africa. Up to the middle of August 70,429 persons had visited the park as against 44,581 for the same period in 1927.

The last two vacancies in the Pacific college faculty at Newberg have been filled by the appointment of Miss Laura A. Betts of Des Moines, Iowa, as librarian and Miss Alice B. Myers of Portland as professor of French and German.

The North Bayside grange is constructing a grange hall at Glasgow which will be completed and ready for occupancy in five weeks. The building is to be 54x80 feet, and will have kitchen and banquet room, besides the general assembly hall.

NILS A. OLSEN



Nils A. Olsen, who has been appointed chief of the bureau of agricultural economics of the Department of Agriculture, succeeding Lloyd S. Tenny, resigned.

FIRST CLASS AIR MAIL SHOWS GROWTH

Washington, D. C.—Transportation by air of all first class mail between distant points in the United States is within the realm of possibilities.

High postoffice officials state that the increased air mail business has opened new revenues for expansion of air mail service.

Second Assistant Postmaster General Irving W. Glover, in charge of air mail service, has under consideration a dozen petitions from cities urging that they be given air mail service.

The department, however, will take no action on these requests until after the full effects of the reduced air mail rates have been determined. The reduction to 5 cents an ounce for first class air mail has already increased the volume about 45 per cent.

Glover predicted that the air mail business would expand another 50 per cent in the next six months.

Contract operators have reported to the department that mail has become so heavy that preparations have been made to fly extra sections whenever necessary.

S. P. GETS NEW OFFICERS

Paul Shoup Will Succeed William Sproule as President of the Road.

San Francisco.—Breaking his silence on the question of his retirement, William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific company confirmed previous reports that he would retire December 3, this year. He will be succeeded by Paul Shoup, now executive vice president, who will have headquarters in San Francisco.

Henry De Forest will retire from his present office of chairman of the executive committee to become chairman of the board, a new position, in direct charge of management of the company's general financial affairs and consolidation matters. Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company, will succeed Mr. De Forest as chairman of the executive committee in general control of business.

Three Mexican War Veterans Living

Washington, D. C.—With the death of August Markle at Lodi, Ohio, but three veterans of the Mexican war survive, the pension bureau announced. These three old soldiers are William F. Buckner of Paris, Mo., 100; Owen Thomas Edgar, 97, of this city, and Richard D. Howard, 97, of Sterling City, Texas.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.30; soft white and western white, \$1.11 1/2; hard winter and western red, \$1.07 1/2; northern spring, \$1.08 1/2.

Hay — Alfalfa \$16.50@17; valley timothy \$17@17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@21.50.

Butterfat—51c.

Eggs—Ranch, 26@35c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.75@12.50.

Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10.50@13.50.

Lambs — Good to choice, \$10.75@12.25.

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.12; hard winter and western red, \$1.07; northern spring, \$1.09; bluestem, \$1.30.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$30; P. S. \$24.

Butterfat—61c.

Eggs—Ranch, 28@31c.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$11.75@12.50.

Hogs—Prime, \$13.25@13.50.

Lambs—Choice, \$11.25@12.25.

Spokane

Hogs — Good, and choice, \$12.75@13.00.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$11@11.75.

BUSINESS RECORD IS UNPARALLELED

Showing for Last Six Months Breaks All Previous Records.

Washington, D. C.—Business conditions in the United States during the last six months and the few years just preceding were declared by the commerce department to have exhibited "a general stability unparalleled in the history of the United States or any other important industrial country."

The statement was based upon the showings of all the statistical barometers which have been set up by the government with the co-operation of a variety of economic agencies to detect the ebb and flow of the currents of trade, traffic, production and consumption.

"With only occasional minor recessions, such as appeared, for example, during a few months of 1927, business and industry as a whole remained at a high level for a long period of time," the statement said. "This period has been one of almost unbroken increase in production and consumption without exhibiting any of the characteristics of a business boom. There have been unprecedented amounts of savings and investments of new capital in recent years. This investment, together with improvements in methods, has greatly increased the efficiency of industry and the output per worker."

"The general quantitative index of manufacturing production, the most comprehensive of all measures of industrial activity, in the first half of 1928 exceeded the previous high record of the first half of 1927. The building industry, which has been during all recent years a very important factor in creating demand for manufactured products and for labor, showed greater activity than in any other six months' period in American history. The automobile industry, which so conspicuously reflects the buying power of the people, had a larger output than at any time except the first half of 1926."

EMPLOYEE IS BLAMED FOR SUBWAY CRASH

New York.—Full responsibility for the subway wreck in which 15 persons were killed and more than 100 injured at Times Square was saddled on to the back of an obscure switch inspector.

William Baldwin, the only man arrested after New York's first major subway disaster, was released on bail of \$10,000 when he appeared in court to answer to a charge of homicide. Bond was furnished by the Interborough Rapid Transit company, whose attorneys came into court to defend the company employee.

According to the complaint filed against him by District Attorney Banton, Baldwin was criminally negligent because he ordered a motorman to "proceed against a red signal light and over a switch which he knew to be defective."

SUBMARINE DEVICE SUCCESS

Navy Men Go Down 110 Feet With Oxygen Bag.

Washington, D. C.—Successful use of a simple breathing device, designed for rescue of men on wrecked submarines, was accomplished in experiments conducted off Dahlgren, Va., by two naval divers, who descended 110 feet in a diving bell and arose to the surface without ill effects.

The device consists of a bag of oxygen and a mouthpiece strapped on the head and weighs only two pounds. If the device is adopted for use in the 75 submarines in commission in the navy, one for each member of the crew is to be placed in each of the three escape compartments.

The men would emerge through the escape hatches. One of them is in the forward part of the submarine, a second in the conning tower and the third in the rear.

Recount in Ohio Finds Wet Victor

Columbus, O.—Graham P. Hunt, Cincinnati wet, is the democratic nominee for the short term United States senatorial seat made vacant by the death of Senator Frank B. Willis last spring. His nomination was declared by Secretary of State Clarence J. Brown, with an official majority of 757 votes over Senator Cyrus Locher, Cleveland. The official count by the secretary of state gave Hunt 94,198 votes to 93,441 for Senator Locher.

Massachusetts Man Gets Hoover's Job

Superior, Wis.—President Coolidge accepted the resignation of Secretary Hoover from the cabinet and appointed William F. Whiting of Holyoke, Mass., to succeed him. Whiting is head of the Whiting Paper company of Holyoke, Mass. He is about 65 years of age.