

HUGHES IS ELECTED TO WORLD COURT

Former Secretary of State Given Place on International Tribunal.

Geneva, Switzerland. — Charles Evans Hughes, former justice of the United States supreme court, was elected a member of the League of Nations' world court at The Hague. The court is the world's highest international tribunal and might be called upon at any time to decide a question of peace or war among nations.

Hughes was elected on the first ballot by the delegates to the league's annual assembly. He received 41 votes of a possible total of 48. There was one vote each for Sir J. W. Wessels of South Africa and Sir Abdur Rahim of India.

President Zahle of the assembly at once announced Hughes' election to the court. Previously the league council, or governing body, had decided unanimously to support Hughes.

Hughes, if, as expected, accepts the high post, will succeed John Bassett Moore, United States, who resigned from the court two years ago.

Coincident with Hughes' election to the court, Switzerland asked the assembly to refer to the world court a question of vital international importance—whether the league assembly and council could ask the court for an "advisory" opinion if a majority of delegates desired; or, whether a unanimous vote by all delegates would be necessary.

This question was one of the principal ones that kept the United States from accepting jurisdiction of the world court in international disputes.

In some cases, under league procedure, one nation alone can block action by all others.

FLAMES DAMAGE OLD CAPITOL AT OLYMPIA

Olympia, Wash.—Fire swept through the west wing of the old state capitol here and was checked only after the entire Olympia fire department and a Tacoma engine company had fought the blaze for two hours. Damage to the building itself was estimated at \$50,000. A check of various state department papers which the building housed showed that only a few obsolete records were destroyed.

Most serious damage was caused in the offices of the traffic and engineering sections of the department of public works, where many records were damaged by water.

Built originally as a Thurston county courthouse, the building was taken over by the state in 1901, at which time a wing was added to it at a cost of \$825,000. The old capitol housed the legislature from 1901 until 1927 and has since been used as quarters for administrative departments not yet accommodated in new state buildings. It was the old courthouse proper that was damaged.

AVIATOR PAID TRIBUTE

Funeral Services for Air Crash Victim Held in Spokane.

Spokane, Wash. — Hundreds paid homage to the memory of Paul V. Wheatley, pilot of the ill-fated air mail plane which crashed at Pocatello, Idaho, last Tuesday, killing Wheatley and six passengers.

The ex-Spokane boy was buried with full military honors. Airplanes circled the cemetery and scattered flowers over the casket as it was lowered into the grave. At the same time a firing squad from Fort Wright fired a farewell salute.

Paralysis Serum Believed Found. Palo Alto, Cal. — Discovery of a serum which he believes will effectively counteract the germ of infantile paralysis was announced by Dr. Edwin W. Schultz, head of the bacteriology department of Stanford university. After months of experimentation with Indian monkeys, the doctor says he has found some that do not respond to the action of the germ, and it is from these he has obtained the new serum.

Navy to Build Two Giant Blimps. Washington, D. C.—Contracts for construction of two mighty dirigible airships will soon be awarded the navy department announced following publication of the bids and a report from a board of experts on design. The two ships are to cost slightly less than \$8,000,000 and will have a gas capacity of 6,500,000 cubic feet each — approximately triple that of the dirigible Los Angeles.

Young Coolidge Gets Rail Job. Superior, Wis.—John Coolidge expects to go into the railroad business making his start in the freight department of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, it was learned here.

LEWIS H. FISHER



Lewis H. Fisher was appointed chief of the division of appointments, civil service commission, to succeed Dr. Thomas P. Chapman, who died suddenly. Mr. Fisher will serve as assistant secretary of the commission.

OFFICIALS SURE THAT AMUNDSEN IS DEAD

Oso, Norway.—Search of the Polar ice fields for traces of Roald Amundsen and his five companions of the Noble rescue expedition has been abandoned. This was decided at a meeting of government officials and polar experts at the ministry of defense.

Search will be continued, however, along the Norwegian coast in the hope of discovering more relics of the sea plane in which the six men were traveling when disaster overtook them. A pontoon from the French naval machine, discovered a few days ago off Tromsø, convinced officials that the men were dead.

APPROVE BANK MERGER

Consolidation Will Give Chicago Second Largest Institution.

Chicago.—Merger of the Continental National Bank & Trust company and the Illinois Merchants' Trust company, described as a billion dollar combine, was approved by the directors of the two banks in separate meetings.

The consolidated institution will be known as the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust company, and will have combined total resources exceeding \$1,000,000,000, the official announcement said.

The merged bank will become the second largest financial institution in America, second only to the National City Bank of New York.

Capital of the merged bank will be \$75,000,000, surplus \$65,000,000, and a reserve fund of \$10,000,000 for contingencies.

Church of Canada Bars Lady Pastors. Winnipeg, Man.—Ordination of women as ministers of the United Church of Canada is unlikely in the near future, it appeared at a session of the church's general council. Thirty-two presbyteries voted in favor of ordination, 34 were opposed, 23 advised delay and 23 made no report.

Governors Will Confer in New Orleans. Lincoln, Neb. — The 19th national governors' conference will be held in New Orleans November 20 to 22, it was announced here by Governor Adam McMullen, chairman of the executive committee.

Mexico to Get Air Mail. Washington, D. C.—Air mail service between the United States and Mexico will be inaugurated October 1, Postmaster-General New announced.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat — Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.31; soft white and western white, \$1.13; hard winter, northern spring and western red, \$1.68.

Hay — Alfalfa \$16.50@17; valley timothy \$17@17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@21.50. Butterfat—5c. Eggs—Ranch, 29@30c. Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.50@12.25. Hogs—Medium to choice, \$11.50@12.25.

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

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, western white, 1.14½; hard winter, 107½; western red, \$1.09; northern spring, \$1.08; bluestem, \$1.25.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$24; timothy \$30. S. \$24. Butterfat—6c. Eggs—Ranch, 29@40c. Cattle—Prime steers, \$11.75@12.50. Hogs—Prime, \$12.90. Lambs—Choice, \$11.25@12.25.

Spokane

Hogs — Good, and choice, \$12.25@2.35. Cattle—Steers, good, \$11@11.75.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Albany college will open Tuesday morning, September 18, for its 67th year.

The state council of carpenters held its fourth annual session in La Grande last week.

Fire of undetermined origin did damage estimated at \$15,000 to The Dalles Elks temple.

Harvey S. Hale, county agent, estimates the purple vetch seed crop for 1928 in Coos county will amount to 18,000 pounds.

The Pacific Power & Light company has received the contract for installing the new lighting system on Main street in Redmond.

The Tillamook county fair from September 12 to 15 looms as the biggest celebration of the year in that section of Oregon.

Morris Schnal, for 20 years a prominent merchant of Tillamook, died suddenly Wednesday while sweeping out his store, the Men's Shop.

Douglas county will have approximately 75,000 turkeys for the Thanksgiving and Christmas market this year, present estimates indicate.

An appropriation of \$10,000 has been made for the Willowa national forest to complete the 11-mile connecting link between the Imnaha and Lick Creek roads.

C. J. Lisle, for many years employed as a reporter on Salem newspapers, has been appointed probation officer for the state training school for boys at Woodburn.

A most unusual theft is reported from Eugene, a thief last Friday night entering the yard of Mrs. Dorinda Crosby, a widow, and carrying off three stands of bees.

Van Armitage, 11, is in the Seaside hospital with a fractured skull as the result of being hit at Cannon Beach by an automobile and hurled 30 feet in the air while playing in the sand.

The fair at Springwater in Clackamas county is to be held September 14 and plans are being made to make it more than surpass in every department other fairs held in the past.

Miss Anne Whiteaker of Eugene, daughter of the first state governor of Oregon, was elected president of the Lane County Pioneer association at its annual meeting held in Eugene.

The 15th annual Wasco county fair was held in Maupin last week. A large crowd was in attendance and the largest number of displays ever shown in Wasco county was on hand.

The Roseburg cannery has just installed additional equipment valued at \$12,000, giving the cannery more than four times as much capacity as in the past. The plant employs 150 people.

Mrs. Isabella Elwick of Corbett was elected president of the Eastern Multnomah County Pioneers' association at the 13th annual meeting of the organization at the grange hall, Corbett. About 300 attended the meeting.

The Coos bay park commission has announced that it will ask the war department for a large appropriation at the next session for the park, which is now a military reserve. The park overlooks the entrance to Coos bay.

A new paper bag factory, with an annual payroll of not less than \$150,000, will be established in St. Helens within 90 days, it was announced by Max Oberdorfer, general manager of the St. Helens Pulp & Paper company.

Chamber of commerce secretaries representing Ashland, Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Marshfield and Roseburg met in Roseburg recently and discussed matters relating to mutual interests of southern Oregon communities.

County Treasurer W. W. Everhart of Clackamas county has received a check for \$25,602.02 from the United States treasury as Clackamas county's share of the 1927 tax on the reversion Oregon and California railroad grant lands.

The oiling of The Dalles-California highway has been completed, the last job being the spreading of heavy oil on 22 miles of highway through Jefferson county, and covering with gravel. The Dalles-California highway now is one of the fastest and best roads in the state. Tourist traffic has averaged more than 59 cars daily over a like period of last year.

Canby's outstanding water bonds were reduced to \$11,000 recently when City Treasurer Eld mailed to the National Security company in New York a check for \$5480, which retires 10 bonds and pays the semi-annual interest to date.

John Hedrick of Portland was shot and killed in Pilot Rock last week in a gun duel with George Carnes and Newt Royer, Pilot Rock business men, who endeavored to capture Hedrick after he had robbed three business establishments.

What the tourist crop is to the state is indicated by the fact that one Cottage Grove tourist camp, the Woodson camp, registered 25,000 persons during the year, which ended August 31.

An increase of flax acreage under contract to the state prison to 4500 acres for 1929, as compared to 3500 acres this year, was announced by Colonel W. B. Bartram in charge of the state flax industry.

The Deschutes county fair board and managers are completing plans which will mean the best county fair yet held. Managers of the departments are working on entries. The fair will be held in Redmond September 26, 27 and 28.

Manufacture of socks has been added to the industries at the state penitentiary, according to announcement of Henry Myers, superintendent, at a meeting of the state board of control. Distribution of the socks will be limited to the state institutions.

Two Pendleton officers, T. B. Gurdane and C. L. Lieuallen, who arrested William Edward Hickman, bringing to a close the man hunt for the kidnaper and slayer of little Marian Parker, were awarded 60 per cent of the \$27,728.38 reward collected by a radio broadcasting station.

A complete change in the Portland city administration will be in effect on Wednesday, September 19. The municipal government for that day will be in the hands of members of the Order of De Molay, the purpose of which is the education of youth in the principles of Masonry.

Harvest is in full swing throughout Baker valley. For the first time in some sections the combines have entered, greatly expediting the harvest and preventing losses from rains when the grain is left in the field. Good crops are reported in practically all sections of the county.

Portland area Boy Scout membership passed the 3000 mark this week for the first time with 2143 boys registered in city troops and 860 in troops outside the city limits. There are 88 troops in the city and 47 in the area outside. Nearly 500 men are engaged in Boy Scout leadership.

Dean C. Smith, ex-La Grande boy, and whose relatives still make their home there, will be eastern Oregon's only representative on Commander Richard E. Byrd's antarctic exploring trip. Smith will pilot one of Byrd's planes. He was one of six pilots selected from among 15,000 applications.

The state inheritance tax department has received a check for \$100,000 in payment of the tax on the estate of the late Mrs. Elizabeth C. Good of Portland, who left approximately \$862,000. This is the third largest inheritance tax ever collected by the state, according to State Treasurer Kay.

Crater Lake national park reached its 100,000th attendance last week. The 100,000th visitor was Mrs. D. G. Dolle-MacNoel, an English woman of Golina, Mexico, whose husband is British consul of Mexico. Motion pictures were taken of the event. Attendance at the park last year was \$2,000 and in 1926 it was \$6,000.

Portland was one of 23 of 50 of the largest cities in the country to show an increase in postal receipts last month over August, 1927, according to a tabulation prepared by the postoffice department. The receipts at the Portland office last month were \$256,638 as compared with \$253,661 in 1927, an increase of \$2976, or 1.17 per cent.

The Union county court prepared a certificate of necessity to be placed on the November election ballot asking that \$100,000 be authorized for a courthouse to replace the one partly damaged by fire at La Grande August 21. The proposed building will cost about \$150,000, but \$50,000 is to be raised outside of special taxation.

Frightened by loud claps of thunder and jagged forks of lightning, J. Smith, a sheepherder, near Klamath Falls, drove his sheep into a compact mass under a grove of trees. A minute later lightning struck into the center of the flock. From the lightning and in the resultant stampede 70 sheep were killed. Smith was knocked down and stunned by the lightning bolt.

Three industrial fatalities were reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending September 6. Workmen reported as losing their lives during the week were Dave Armstrong, Vernonia; Robert Folk, truck driver, Salem, and Prehlyna H. Phipps, Medford. A total of 846 industrial accidents subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation act were reported to the commission.

Formal dedication of Pilot Butte park, volcanic cone near Bend, which was recently given to the state highway commission as a memorial to the late T. H. Foley of Bend, will be on September 30, with Governor Patterson listed as the principal speaker.

The Shevlin-Hixon picnic park at Benham falls on the Deschutes river south of Bend was a mass of flames, forest service lookouts reported. Origin of the fire, which was racing through the scenic grounds on the Deschutes, had not been determined.

ADMIRAL EBERLE



Admiral E. W. Eberle, who was chairman of the general board and recently chief of naval operations, has retired after 47 years in the navy, beginning at the age of seventeen and ending with his sixty-fourth birthday.

CHURCH TREASURER SHORT \$1,000,000

Atlanta, Ga.—Shortage in the Southern Baptist home mission board accounts administered by Clinton S. Carnes, missing treasurer, probably will reach \$1,000,000, a statement of church officials said. Carnes disappeared August 15.

Criminal court proceedings were indicated in the announced determination of Assistant Solicitor General Ed A. Stephens to begin grand jury proceedings against the mission treasurer as soon as practicable.

There was little to indicate what Carnes could have done with the money he allegedly obtained during the period of the accruing shortage, which was estimated to be several years, possibly eight. Nor was there any word of the missing treasurer, who vanished after telling his chauffeur he would not be at his home for dinner on August 15 because of a business trip to Raleigh, N. C. He was never seen at Raleigh or elsewhere, so far as has been determined.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Elizabethton, Tenn., has been selected by Mr. Hoover for the only speech he will make in the south.

The Chinese Nationalist government announced its decision to adhere to the Kellogg-Briand pact renouncing war.

Governor Smith will carry his presidential campaign into the west the week of September 16, with three speeches in Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado.

Ellsworth Jeffrey, secretary of the civil service commission of Cleveland, O., was elected president of the assembly of civil service commissioners, which closed its 21st annual convention at Denver recently.

Thirty-one Nations Renounce War.

Washington, D. C.—Declaration by Turkey and Lithuania of intention to adhere to the Kellogg treaty renouncing war as an instrument of national policy was announced by the state department, making 31 nations which have officially communicated their intentions through the United States, the depository of the pact and instruments of adherence.

Prison Guards Kill 6 Fleeing Convicts

Baton Rouge, La.—Six convicts are known to have been killed, another convict is believed to have been fatally wounded, and eight men were less seriously injured in a pitched battle at Louisiana state penitentiary when a number of convicts attempted to escape. There may be more dead.

13,000-Foot Parachute Leap by Woman

Tulsa, Okla.—Mrs. Patricia Moore, 22-year-old mother, dropped from an airplane 13,000 feet above the earth here to celebrate her birthday with what she believes is a world record parachute jump for women. Records in Washington show the highest previous jump was 1500 feet.

Bishop Hartzell Dies of Hurts.

Cincinnati, O.—Rev. Joseph Crane Hartzell, retired bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church for Africa, died at Christ hospital here. His death was due to injuries received when he was bound and beaten by robbers in his home at Blue Ash, near here, June 1.

German Girl Sets Air Record.

Bitterfeld, Germany.—Germany hailed a new "flying frau" when Adelheid Noell of Berlin remained aloft in a balloon for 26 hours and 42 minutes, a new record for Germany.

KELLOGG TREATY WARMLY PRAISED

League of Nations Speakers Approve New Anti-War Pact.

Geneva.—Plain speaking of war and peace, on the meaning of the Kellogg pact and on the need of disarmament characterized a session of the assembly of the league of nations.

Hermann Mueller, socialist chancellor of Germany; Nicholas Politis, a brilliant legal light of Greece, and Minechiro Adachi, Japanese ambassador to France, led the delegates of 50 nations into storms of applause as they eloquently pictured dire results that might follow acts of international injustice.

Premier Mackenzie King of Canada achieved a striking personal success when, in simple, but potent phrases, he held up as an example for the world the long and untroubled reign of peace between Canada and the United States.

The Canadian statesman said that that dominion's budget did not contain a single dollar which could be attributed to fear of aggression by the United States.

"Disarmament must come or the league of nations will be a failure," was a striking sentiment expressed by Chancellor Mueller. He followed this with a plain warning that Germany could not go on indefinitely under the limitations of armament imposed on her by the Versailles treaty, while other countries were permitted to build up their land, sea and air forces. Conditions never were less favorable for war, he added, and he gave hearty approval of the Kellogg-Briand pact on behalf of his government.

OREGON NATIONAL FORESTS ARE CLOSED

Portland, Or.—Because of what is declared to be an emergency fire situation, all national forests in Oregon are to be closed, effective Monday, to public use and travel except at regularly established camp grounds and along regularly used roads.

The order, coming from C. M. Granger, district United States forester at Portland, follows closely on Governor Patterson's proclamation, deferring the opening date of the hunting season.

The closure is the most sweeping in the history of the national forests of Oregon, involving as it does 14 national forests of a total of 13,216,000 acres.

Granger declared the measure necessary as "the forest fire situation now existing requires unusual action."

"Forest fire conditions are critical throughout the state," he said. Some of the largest and most disastrous fires in the northwest have occurred during the month of September, notably the coast fires of Oregon and the Yacolt and Lewis river forest in 1902 in Washington.

PASS BANK TAX LAW

California to Collect 4 Per Cent of Net Income.

Sacramento, Cal. — The California tax commission's constitutional amendment relating to taxing of intangibles and net incomes of corporations and banks in the state was adopted here when the senate and assembly unanimously passed an amendment supporting the commission's recommendations.

The act provides that banks and corporations in California be taxed on a basis of 4 per cent of their net incomes and intangibles on a basis of 4 mills.

New Figure Wins Wisconsin Votes.

Milwaukee, Wis. — A new political figure, Walter J. Kohler, industrial leader with a platform of a "business administration for the state," has won the republican nomination for governor of Wisconsin. His victory is without precedent in the history of the state. A novice in the political arena, Kohler defeated two seasoned opponents in the state primary elections by a majority which approached 25,000 votes. Wisconsin electors showed a disregard for factional lines in the primary, and, although they defeated his candidate for governor, they turned to Senator La Follette for the nomination for re-election.

Dollar Watch Maker Dies.

Denver, Colo.—Robert H. Ingersoll, who as a Michigan farm boy went to New York to seek his fortune and proved that reliable watches could be sold for a dollar, died here. Ingersoll's dollar watches had made him wealthy.

Labor Condemns "Canned" Music.

Atlantic City, N. J. — A resolution blacklisting all forms of "canned" music was adopted at the 50th annual convention of the New Jersey State Federation of Labor.