

AMERICA REJECTS NAVAL AGREEMENT

Blunt Note Transmitted to the British and French Governments.

Washington, D. C.—A blunt and critical rejection of the Franco-British naval agreement has been transmitted to London and Paris by the United States government.

"The government of the United States feels that no useful purpose would be served by accepting as a basis of discussion the Franco-British proposal," an American identical note to the two powers, by the state department, said.

"The American government has no objection to any agreement between France and Great Britain which those countries think will be to their advantage and in the interest of limitation of armaments, but naturally cannot consent that such an agreement shall be applied to the United States."

Specifically, the American objection to the Franco-British accord was based on the contention that it would restrict only types of ships "peculiarly suited to the needs of the United States," and leave unlimited combat ships of greatest value to any nation having widely distributed fueling bases or great merchant marine tonnage.

The note was marked throughout by a sharpness in tone and frankness in stating the American viewpoint that plainly indicated irritation in Washington over the Franco-British procedure.

WILL QUIZ UTILITIES PUBLICITY BUREAUS

Washington, D. C.—Investigation by the federal trade commission of publicity activities of power utilities in the Pacific Coast states will begin on October 10, Commissioner McCullough announced.

The following witnesses for the Pacific Coast phase of the inquiry were announced:

October 10: R. M. Hofer, manager E. Hofer & Sons News Service, Salem, Ore.; Berkeley Snow, secretary Northwest Electric Light & Power association, Portland, Ore.; W. R. Putnam, general manager Idaho Power company, Boise. October 11: H. L. Walther, manager Oregon Publicity Utility Information bureau, Portland, and Mrs. Clare K. Tripp, director, Washington Industries Education bureau, Seattle.

WISCONSIN SESSION WARM

Conservatives Gain Half Control of State Central Body.

Madison, Wis.—Successful in wresting half the control of the republican state central committee executive group from the progressive force, the conservatives were blocked by Chairman Herman L. Ekern, progressive, from putting through a resolution endorsing Herbert Hoover for president, Walter J. Kohler for governor and the national and state republican platforms.

The session was a riotous one. A fist fight once threatened during the many fights on the correctness of Mr. Ekern's voting several proxies which brought the total votes to 22 conservatives and enabled him to cast the deciding ballot.

Girl Will Testify Against Northcott.

Vancouver, B. C.—Jessie Clark, girl of mystery and key witness in the Northcott murder case, will go to California to testify against Gordon Stewart Northcott and his mother, Mrs. Sarah Louisa Northcott, charged in Riverside with slaying four young boys on their chicken ranch. Mrs. Northcott was arrested in Calgary, Alta., and is being held in jail there. Young Northcott was captured at Vernon, B. C., and is held in Oakalla prison here.

Texas Flogger Gets Eight Years.

Canton, Tex.—Cain Anderson, a wealthy Harrison county farmer, was found guilty of violating the Texas anti-mask law in a verdict returned by a jury and was sentenced to eight years in the state penitentiary. The defendant, alleged to have participated in a flogging affair in 1927, had been tried twice previously but the juries disagreed.

Gil Chosen New President of Mexico.

Mexico City.—Emilio Portes Gil, governor of Tamaulipas and secretary of interior, was unanimously elected provisional president of Mexico at a joint session of the senate and chamber of deputies.

Glenna Collett Is Woman Champion.

Hot Springs, Ark.—Glenna Collett won the woman's national golf championship for the third time, defeating Virginia Van Wie of Chicago 13 up and 12 to play.

DR. SUN FO



Dr. Sun Fo, minister of reconstruction of the Chinese Nationalist government, who is touring the world in an effort to obtain the opinions and advice of various officials on his plans for the restoration of his war-torn country.

RAIL WAGE DISPUTE BOARD APPOINTED

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge has appointed an emergency board to investigate the wage dispute between western railroads and railway conductors and trainmen.

The special board, which is to report its findings to the president, consists of James R. Garfield, Cleveland, O.; Walter P. Stacy, chief justice of the supreme court of North Carolina; Prof. H. R. Dewey, of Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Chester H. Rowell, Berkeley, Cal., and George T. Baker, Davenport, Iowa.

The dispute involves 47 western trunk lines and several subsidiaries. The president, in his proclamation creating the special board, points out the dispute "threatens substantially to interrupt interstate commerce within that section of the country wherein the aforesaid carriers operate to a degree such as to deprive the whole or some part of said section of essential transportation service."

The emergency board is instructed to report its findings to the president within 30 days.

CURTIS SMASHES FINGER

Digit Caught in Auto Door While Senator Visits Lawton, Okla.

Lawton, Okla.—Senator Curtis, republican vice-presidential nominee, was injured upon his arrival here when a finger was caught in the door of an automobile. The finger was mashed and the senator was taken to a physician to have it dressed.

Senator Curtis already was under care of physicians for his throat, which has been aggravated by constant speaking. He also is fatigued from the campaign he has been waging in the west.

Young Coolidge In Auto Wreck.

New Haven, Conn.—John Coolidge narrowly escaped injury when the automobile of Governor John H. Trumbull in which he was returning from an overnight visit with his mother at the governor's Plainville home, was struck by another car.

Flint, Mich., Mayor Arrested.

Flint, Mich.—William McKeigan, mayor of Flint, was arrested here, charged with theft of election ballots and stuffing of ballot boxes in connection with the recent state primary election.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—H. B. bluestem, hard white, \$1.41; soft white, \$1.18½; western white, \$1.17½; hard winter, \$1.11; northern spring, \$1.09; western red, \$1.13.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$17@17.50; valley timothy, \$17@17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21.
Butterfat—55c.
Eggs—Ranch, 24@43c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.25@11.75.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$11@11.50.
Lamb—Good to choice, \$11@12.25.
Seattle
Wheat—Soft white, \$1.17½; western white, \$1.17; hard winter, \$1.11; western red, \$1.13; northern spring, \$1.10; bluestem, \$1.42.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$22; timothy, \$27.50; P. S. \$22.
Butterfat—52c.
Eggs—Ranch, 34@45c.
Cattle—Prime steers, \$11.50@12.35.
Hogs—Prime, \$10.85@11.15.
Lamb—Choice, \$11.25@12.25.
Spokane
Hogs—Good, and choice, \$10.50@10.60.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.75@11.75.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The walnut outlook is most encouraging, according to W. H. Bentley, manager of the Dundee Walnut association.

Sixty bushels of wheat to the acre is the result of the harvest on a tract of land in the Tule Lake district of Klamath county.

The first contribution to the Florida relief fund at Bend came from a farmer with a large family. He gave five boxes of apples.

Professor Drill of Oregon State college is in possession of several glass balls found on the coast and presumably washed from Japan.

The ancient carrier that has been taken the "Galloping Goose" has been called off the railroad between Willamina and Grand Ronde.

Hordes of ducks and geese threaten to consume a large part of the wheat and barley crop of Cox Brothers at Tule Lake, Klamath county.

Arlington has a good many up-to-date buildings, which have been added to by the new garage of Snell & Lemon, with the latest in equipment.

The Siltcoos Rod and Gun club has been organized and a meeting of Eugene and Portland sportsmen interested was held at Ada recently.

The Oregon state horseshoe champion pitcher is Henry McGrew, 29, of Woodburn, who attained this honor recently at the Washington county fair.

Teachers who smoke cigarettes will not hold their jobs in the Eugene schools, according to a resolution adopted by the Eugene board of education.

A carload of Klamath pumice has been shipped to San Francisco to be tested as to its commercial value as a material in certain types of construction.

Threshing operations have been somewhat delayed in the Willowa section during the past week, due to two heavy rains which fell during the past few days.

Rate reductions representing an annual saving of \$90,000 to domestic and commercial lighting customers have been made by the California-Oregon Power company.

W. M. Dickerson of Bend has in his garden a squash vine that has borne seven squashes whose total weight is 193 pounds. The largest squash weighs 22 pounds.

Fire of undetermined origin did thousands of dollars' damage to the two-story frame building occupied by the J. C. Porter general merchandise store in Newberg.

The Marmot school district has purchased a bus to transport the children of the district to the Sandy school, which is consolidated this year with Marmot and Firwood.

Ashland voters will pass judgment on three proposed city charter amendments in November. One change increases the term of councilmen from two years to four years.

The graydiggers, a pest of the farmer despite the war that has been waged on them this summer, have in places around Sweet Home devoured entire crops of potatoes.

Miss Florence Conner of Hibbard creek, Baker county, killed a 300-pound bear near her home recently with a .30-caliber rifle, bringing the animal out of a pine tree.

About 60 relatives and friends called at the G. A. Krigbaum home in Estacada recently for a family reunion and to offer congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Krigbaum on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Because of the crowded condition of the Marion county jail Sheriff Bower has been compelled to take over four cells in the city jail. There are now 34 prisoners in the county jail, with normal accommodations for 30.

Fire started by two hunters destroyed a large donkey engine, skyline and other logging equipment owned by the Westwood Lumber company at Ripple Hard work by a large crew of men saved the camp of the company.

Plans are under way for the shipping of 400 head of dairy cows from Coos county to Gazelle and Bakers field, Cal., by James T. Jenkins, county commissioner. The stock is largely grade Jerseys and a few Holsteins.

Milton's new \$25,000 municipal hydro-electric plant was set in operation for the first time last week. The plant is rated at 1250 horsepower and this, with the old plant, rated at about 600 horsepower, will be able to furnish light and power for residents of Milton-Freewater and the surrounding district. In eight years the original plant paid for itself and also pulled the city of Milton out of debt. In 1920 Milton owed over \$110,000, but this was reduced to \$23,000 at the time the new plant was started.

Nineteen owners of curb gasoline pumps in Astoria were ordered by a writ of mandamus to remove them. The writ was granted to six complaining gasoline filling station owners.

Linn county voters will vote on a 2-mill levy to raise \$60,000 with which to match state and federal funds for the construction of the Santiam highway to the summit of the Cascades.

There are approximately 187 widows in Seaside, according to a recent unofficial census made at a local hotel, with an estimated 13 "grass" widows within the city limits, making the surprising total of 200 widows of the "sod" and "grass" variety.

More than 50 citizens of Corvallis in coveralls and old clothes, worked at the new Corvallis airport, under the direction of C. R. Briggs, Benton county agent, and legion committeeman, preparing the field for the legion air derby, held last Saturday and Sunday.

The Til Taylor memorial statue will be in Pendleton some time during the winter, according to announcement by A. Phimister Proctor, sculptor, who worked on the model in Rome, Italy, and Brussels, Belgium. The memorial is being put in readiness for the statue.

With almost 500 cars of onions lying in the fields, pulled, dried and ready for the topping machinery at Brooks, large crews of men, women and children have been engaged in gathering the crop into boxes ready for hauling to the dryers and to the railway station.

Committees representing various sections of Clatsop county will meet in Astoria in the near future to confer with Brigadier-General George A. White regarding the holding of a big three-day celebration in the county during the national guard encampment in Astoria next June.

The new Masonic hall, which was started this summer, will be completed about October 15. Elaborate plans are being made for the dedication. It is a two-story, fireproof building of concrete tile with a special stucco front. Its cost will be about \$12,000 completed and furnished.

Thousands of pintail ducks are dying of a mysterious disease prevalent at Tule Lake, Klamath county, and an expert has been hired by the state to study and if possible prescribe a remedy for the malady, Harold Clifford, state game warden, who made an investigating trip to Klamath county, said.

W. O. Hayden, Oregon pioneer, died suddenly at the state fair grounds in Salem. He was employed as a special officer and was on duty at the time of his death. Mr. Hayden was 69 years old. He was born near Ealo, Polk county, and was the son of Judge and Mrs. Benjamin Hayden, pioneers of 1849.

Chunks of iron projected through the air by the explosion of 12 sticks of dynamite being used to break up a huge flywheel at a Bend foundry, crashed through the walls of a residence several hundred feet away, tore part of the roof off another house and damaged the iron works. No one was hurt.

A check for \$98,546.47 was received in Medford from the treasury department, Washington, D. C., as the 1928 payment to Jackson county of its share of the Oregon-California tax refund money. The check is the third received by that county and the total received from the fund to date is \$1,368,809.24.

A final decision on the Mount Hood tramway question may not be rendered by Secretary of Agriculture Jardine for a few days, it was said in Washington, D. C., recently. Conferences are being held by him with Major Stewart, chief forester, and others, with a view to early completion of the deliberations on the matter.

A large quantity of prunes have been bought by the Eugene Fruitgrowers' association at Yakima, Wash., to fill orders that could not be filled at Eugene on account of the shortage of this crop in western Oregon. The Eugene association is also unable to fill all its orders for canned pears, and several other canneries throughout the Willamette valley will help supply the demand.

But \$60 is listed as the cost of fighting fires in the Santiam forest this far this year, and that was for the purchase of hose, according to C. C. Hall, supervisor. Supervisor Hall said the fire loss in the Santiam forest has been thus far the lowest in the Pacific coast district. During the season there has been no timber burned. Eight fires were extinguished before they had inflicted damage. Six were caused by tourist campers and two by lightning.

Secretary of State Hoss has announced the apportionment of \$305,203.97 in automobile license fees and \$19,154.15 in bus and truck fees among counties. The sums represent one-fourth of the fees, less administrative expenses, collected in the respective counties for the six-month period ending September 15. The bus and truck fee apportionment is made from funds collected by the public service commission on a mileage basis from the busses and trucks operating between tired termini.

CLARA GONZALES



Senorita Clara Gonzales, the only woman lawyer in Panama, is in Washington working with the Inter-American Commission of Women.

FUGITIVE CHURCH TREASURER CAUGHT

Winnipeg, Manitoba.—Clinton S. Carnes, missing treasurer of the home mission board of the Southern convention at Atlanta, Ga., was held here for American authorities.

Carnes admitted his identity after his arrest here and told police he was ready to return to the southern city without extradition proceedings to face a charge of misappropriating more than \$1,000,000 of the church funds.

The prisoner was taken before a police court and booked as "wanted in Atlanta." Police said he would not be questioned by them. He remained silent, refusing to discuss the charges against him or his whereabouts since his departure from Atlanta, August 15.

Carnes was said to have arrived in Winnipeg unaccompanied three weeks ago and was under police surveillance for several days before his identification. He had taken steps to establish himself in business here, police said.

The Atlanta man was rooming with a private family here and had carefully concealed his identity. He had a large sum of money, police said. It was pointed out that a waiver of extradition was unnecessary in delivering the man to American authorities as immigration authorities could arrange his deportation, turning him over to American officials at the border.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Prince Chichibu, heir presumptive to the Japanese throne, and Miss Setsuko Matsudaira, daughter of Japan's ex-ambassador to Washington, were married in Tokio.

Fred E. Lukens, Idaho secretary, was re-elected president of the National Secretaries of States association at its annual convention held in the Black hills of South Dakota.

The Italian foreign office denied officially a report that Premier Mussolini would attend the wedding of Gene Tunney and Miss Mary Lauder, expected to be held at Sorrento soon.

John Albert Tiffin Hull, for 20 years a member of the house of representatives from Iowa, died at his home in Clarendon, Va., from an attack of heart disease. He was 87 years of age.

B. C. Scandrett of St. Paul, general solicitor of the Northern Pacific railway became vice president October 1, with general jurisdiction, subject to the president, over all departments of the road.

Prominent Coast Lumberman Dead.

San Francisco.—James P. Jennings, chairman of the United States inter-coastal lumber conference, is dead at his home here. Jennings, formerly prominent in Seattle shipping circles, assumed the chairmanship of the conference lines in the lumber trade between the Pacific and Atlantic coasts last March.

Emigration From Great Britain Down.

London.—Coupled with the surprising fact that the figures for the last year show a net decrease of some 30,000 in the emigrants from Great Britain as compared with 1926-27 is another fact still more surprising, namely, that in neither year has the American quota for British immigrants been reached.

Dollar Lines Get Oriental Mail Route

Washington, D. C.—A contract for carrying mail between San Francisco and Manila by way of Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai and Hong Kong was awarded to the Dollar Steamship lines of San Francisco, Postmaster-General New has announced.

CHINESE PIRATES LOOT BRITISH SHIP

Passengers Robbed and Three of the Vessel's Officers Killed.

Hongkong.—A story of cruelty and ferocity rivaling the wildest tales of the Spanish main was brought to Hongkong by the steamship Anking, which reached port after having been looted by Chinese pirates.

Two British officers of the steamer, Chief Officer David C. Jones of New Quay, Wales, and Chief Engineer Henry Thomson of Greenock, Scotland, were killed. Captain Plunket Cole, who commanded the ship, was wounded, as was Third Officer A. I. Campbell. The Chinese quartermaster, who rushed to the bridge to fight off the pirates, was shot dead.

The Anking, which left Singapore, Strait Settlements, September 23 for Hongkong by way of Holhow, Swatow and Amoy, was attacked by the pirates in the Gulf of Tonking. The pirates had shipped aboard the vessel as passengers. They seized the ship's armory and took full control of the vessel, overawing the 1400 passengers aboard her. After throwing the dead men overboard the pirates permitted the ship's surgeon to dress the wounds of Captain Cole and the others who had been wounded. Second Officer Bennet was then forced to navigate the ship under a guard of pirates.

All the passengers were mustered on the decks and systematically searched, luggage and cargo cases were ransacked and the ship's offices were robbed. The pirates disembarked in three lifeboats taking loot valued at \$80,000 Mexican.

NEW YORK G. O. P. NAMES STATE TICKET

Syracuse, N. Y.—Attorney-General Albert Ottinger was nominated for governor, and Alanson B. Houghton, American ambassador to the Court of St. James, for United States senator by the republican state convention at its closing session. The complete state ticket follows:

Governor, Albert Ottinger, New York; United States Senator Alanson B. Houghton, Corning.

Lieutenant-governor, Charles C. Lockwood, Brooklyn.

Controller, H. E. Crowley, Rochester.

Attorney-general, Hamilton Ward, Buffalo.

Associate judge of the court of appeals, Irving G. Hubbs, Pulaski.

All nominations were by acclamation except that of Ambassador Houghton for the United States senatorship. Mr. Houghton was opposed on the floor by State Senator George R. Fearon of Onondaga. Senator Fearon, however, lacked the votes to make a dangerous opponent and Houghton was nominated by a vote of 911 to 119.

FLORIDA DEATHS 2000

Palm Beach County's Property Damage \$50,000,000.

West Palm Beach, Fla.—A death list in excess of 2000 persons with 16,032 homeless, and property damage about \$50,000,000 were the estimates of tropical hurricane toll in this area, George W. Carr, general chairman of relief work, telegraphed Howard W. Selby, Palm Beach Red Cross head, in Washington.

The most conservative estimate of the damage to Palm Beach county is \$50,000,000, plus economic and labor losses to clean up the debris. The care of the injured is well in hand. The refugee situation is improved.

War Donations Figure in Tax Refund.

Washington, D. C.—Whether a corporation can deduct from its taxable net income the gifts which it made to the Red Cross and other charitable or war fund organizations during the World war is one of the legal nuts which the supreme court will have to crack. The Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power company of Baltimore seeks a tax refund of \$31,651.66 which it has paid upon its war fund contributions in 1917 and which it claims should have been deducted from its net income.

Five Alleged Kidnappers Seized.

Kankakee, Ill.—Five men were taken in custody here in connection with the kidnaping of Billy Ranieri, 10-year-old son of a wealthy Chicago contractor. The men were said to be friends of Andrew Cappellano, on whose farm near here it is believed the boy was held. Billy went through the house and told officers he recognized many of the rooms. A dog ran up to him and Billy said it was the animal he played with during his captivity.

St. Louis National League Champions

New York, N. Y.—St. Louis' cocky Cardinals are the National league champions of 1928.