

THREAT OF WAR IN SOUTH AMERICA

Border Clash Starts Rupture Between Paraguay and Bolivia.

La Paz, Bolivia.—The country is in a great state of excitement over the breaking of diplomatic relations with Paraguay, which followed a border clash between troops of the two countries last Thursday. Demonstrators in the streets here shouted before the presidential palace: "We want war, Mr. President."

President Siles appeared on a balcony and replied: "If war is necessary we will all go."

Six thousand youths bearing lanterns and torches paraded through the streets, calling upon the general staff to enlist them immediately, shouting "Viva Bolivia; muera Paraguay."

Asuncion, Paraguay.—The foreign office has handed to Minister Mercado of Bolivia a note saying that Bolivian troops had entered Paraguayan territory and when invited to withdraw, attacked Paraguayan troops.

The note declares that the entire responsibility rests on the Bolivians and alleges that this was not the first incursion made by Bolivians, despite the assurances given by the Bolivian ministers. It charges that not long ago the Bolivians occupied the southern region of Gran Chaco, beyond the most advanced Paraguayan military position, but withdrew their forces when invited to do so.

After reviewing the efforts made to arbitrate the boundary dispute, the note says the Bolivian government does not appear to have a clear vision of the dangers of the situation, which is not in accord with accepted treaties and has occasioned repeated conflicts which, instead of healing the breach, widen the abyss separating the two countries.

BIG INCREASE IN SAVINGS DEPOSITS

New York.—The greatest yearly increase in saving deposits recorded in the United States was announced by W. Espey Albright, deputy manager of the American Bankers' association, in charge of its savings bank division. He reported savings totaled \$28,412,961,000 on June 30, last, a gain of \$2,327,059,000 over the previous year.

"This indicates prosperity more general than at any time since the business depression of 1920," said Mr. Albright.

The gain per inhabitant was 7.7 per cent over last year, and 113.5 per cent over 1918 when the strong upward curve in savings deposits first developed. The per capita savings now stands at \$237. New York, with an increase of \$49 per capita, led the states.

The New England and middle Atlantic states were tied in group gains for the year, with \$36 per inhabitant.

Gains per inhabitant of other sections for the year were reported as: East central \$15, Pacific \$9, west central \$4, southern \$3.

DECLINE IN INFANT DEATHS

Report Shows Oregon and Utah Lead in Lowest Mortality Rate.

Washington, D. C.—Continuation of federal co-operation with states in maternity and infancy health work and extension of study of delinquent and dependent children as a vital part of the nation's campaign against crime were urged in the annual report of Miss Grace Abbott, chief of the children's bureau.

Miss Abbott also reported the infant death rate during 1927 to have been the lowest in the nation's history. Utah had the lowest death rate, 46 per 1000 births, Oregon was second with 48 and Idaho and Washington had 50.

Shingle Tariff Urged by Johnson.

Chicago.—A call to citizens of the northwest to organize at once to fight in behalf of shingle and lumber tariffs was issued by Representative Johnson, republican, Washington, who said an opportunity to present arguments will be afforded at hearings before the house ways and means committee January 17 and 18.

Estimate Shows Portland Has 361,218.

Portland, Or.—With a total of 361,218 persons living within the corporate limits of Portland, according to computations made by Henry E. Reed, realtor, based on the registration for the November election, the population of the city has increased 39.8 per cent since 1920, when the total was 258,238.

Portland Scores in Philanthropy.

New York.—Portland, Or., ranks 23d in a list of 183 American cities and their adjacent trading areas which contributed more than \$2,000,000 to philanthropy during 1927.

P. L. GOLDSBOROUGH



Former Governor Phillips Lee Goldsborough of Maryland, Republican, who defeated his Democratic opponent, William C. Bruce, present senator from Maryland, for the honor of representing his state in the senate of the 71st Congress.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Fire of unknown origin destroyed one half of a business block in Wallowa last week.

The Hubbard mineral springs was formally opened Saturday evening with a banquet to 100 guests.

At a meeting of taxpayers in Newport recently a motion to levy a \$5000 road tax was carried without opposition.

The Lafayette high school has three teachers and 36 pupils and operates at \$75.34 per capita, the lowest operating cost in Oregon.

Apples from Eastern Oregon and Willamette valley points are being sold on the streets of Coos Bay at \$1.15 to \$1.50 a box.

Isabella Jane Curry, who for 37 years had been a resident of Douglas county, died at her home in Roseburg after a short illness.

A herd of nine large elk and four deer were seen browsing near the Black bridge on Tillamook road, nine miles south of Seaside.

A carload of lime has arrived in Astoria from the state lime plant and is being distributed by the county agent to farmers who wish it.

LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETS IN LUGANO

Lugano, Switzerland.—With Charles Evans Hughes now a member of the bench of the permanent court of international justice, there is special interest manifested in American circles in the revision of the statutes of the court. This question is on the agenda of the league council session opening here Monday.

Interest also is keen because newspaper reports from Washington, D. C., have said that President Coolidge contemplated reopening negotiations for American admission to the court. Geo. W. Wickersham, ex-attorney-general, who has taken a leading part in the league's work of codification of international law, was mentioned as one of the international experts who might be designated to study remodeling of the court statutes. He is regarded as the most likely American to be chosen.

The examination for revision is by order of the league assembly, which decided that as the court now has been in operation for eight years, with an ever-increasing number of matters referred to it, and that as a second general election of the judges will take place in 1930, some changes will be necessary.

It is understood that no sweeping changes will be made. The statutes have worked too well to make any profound change either desirable or wise, and have been interwoven into many treaties. Further, it is desired that nothing be done which would make it more difficult for the United States to join the court.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The Prince of Wales, en route home to the bedside of his father, King George of England, has left Cairo for Port Said.

Armaments have been steadily growing since the Kellogg renunciation of war pact was signed, declared ex-Premier Lloyd George, speaking at the opening of the liberty party's peace campaign.

Dr. Wilhelm Marx, ex-chancellor of Germany, has resigned his post as chairman of the centrist party, which is in convention. Joseph Joos, a member of the reichstag, was named as his successor.

Premier Mussolini, addressing the chamber of deputies, declared the fascist foreign policy is directed toward peace, as demonstrated by Italy's signing of the Kellogg-Briand war renunciation treaty. Italy is declared to be ready to sign other such treaties provided they contain sincere guarantees for peace.

Bolivian friendship and good will toward the United States was officially expressed to President-elect Hoover by Acting Foreign Minister Palacios, representing President Siles and the Bolivian government, on the arrival there of the battleship Maryland, carrying Mr. Hoover on the good-will tour of South America.

Kansas Marathon Dance Ends.

Kansas City.—A marathon dance here came to a premature end Saturday night when the few remaining contestants walked out after dancing three weeks. The three promoters of the contest could not be located after several attachments had been filed on box office receipts. Five couples were on the floor when the dance ended.

Georgia Hen Claims Championship.

Savannah, Ga.—The "long distance" egg-laying championship of the United States is claimed for Princess Gertrude, a white Leghorn hen that in 365 days laid 339 eggs. Previously the best record in this country was held by a white Leghorn at the Washington state agricultural experiment station, 335 eggs in 365 days.

OREGON IRRIGATION DEBT \$16,812,349

Salem, Or.—The net debt of irrigation districts in Oregon July 1, 1928, was \$16,812,349.17, according to the annual report of the state treasurer, which was completed here, and copies of the report filed with Governor Patterson and members of the legislature.

Unmatured bonds outstanding July 1 of this year aggregated \$13,274,075.71, with matured bonds not redeemed totaling \$374,600. Warrants and other outstanding obligations aggregated \$3,222,808.10. The total debt of the districts was \$16,812,483.81, with sinking funds of \$59,134.64.

The report showed that Oregon district interest bonds issued on behalf of irrigation districts aggregate \$2,158,960, with annual interest thereon amounting to \$101,548.32. Interest paid on these bonds by the state up to and including June 1, 1928, totaled \$514,694.27. There has been repaid to the state by the districts interest in the amount of \$245,938.58. Accrued interest credited to these districts totaled \$5105.44. The amount of unpaid interest due the state from the districts is \$263,650.25.

The Oregon newspaper conference annual session will be held at the University of Oregon February 21, 22 and 23, according to Frank Appleby, publisher of the LaGrande Observer, president of the conference. This date was selected after a questionnaire had been sent to all Oregon publishers.

Four rural schools, which were open last year near Talent, are closed and the pupils are transported by busses to the Ashland schools. Two schools, the Siskiyou and Greenspring districts, were closed last year, and those closed this year include Soda Springs, Dead Indian, Pilot Rock and Pinehurst districts.

The new federal courthouse in Portland has been allotted an additional \$600,000 out of the lump sum appropriation for continuing public construction, carried by the treasury appropriations bill introduced in the house, making \$1,100,000 in all which will be available for the building when it is begun.

Ashland's pride of achievement, representing more than a million dollars of improvements made there during the last year was predominant last week in the dedication of three of the major projects, which have just been completed by the city, Reeder gulch dam, new street lights and new lithia drinking fountain.

The Douglas county turkey pool, consisting of approximately 11 carloads, will be sold on a consignment basis, with an advance of 32 cents, to price, to the growers, the directors of the Douglas County Co-operative Turkey Growers' association announced recently, following three days of conference regarding the disposal of the crop.

Some 5,000,000 fresh water shrimp are to arrive in Portland soon, according to Matt L. Ryckman, superintendent of hatcheries for the Oregon state game commission. They are tremendously prolific and are declared an ideal fish food. This first batch will be taken to the McKenzie hatchery with the aim later to plant the shrimp in Oregon lakes and streams, particularly where fish food is insufficient to sustain life.

Bids for construction of approximately 65 miles of road and two bridges will be opened at a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland December 19. This was announced at the office of the highway department in Salem.

The Baker city budget as finally adopted by the budget board calls for the raising of 998,049.98 by taxation. A total of \$5,089.95 was lopped off the items for the mayor's department. The amount to be raised is only \$74,000 greater than last year.

ELIZABETH MORROW



Miss Elizabeth Morrow, daughter of the ambassador to Mexico, who, it is rumored, is engaged to marry Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

PROGRESS SEEN IN CONGRESS SESSION

Senate Confident of Rapid Action on Many Bills of Heavy Calendar.

Washington, D. C.—Promise of definite strides forward on the heavy legislative and inquisitorial calendars of congress were held out by leaders at the outset of the second week of the short session.

The Swing-Johnson bill for construction of a dam in the Colorado river at Boulder canyon holds undisputed right of way again in the senate this week but it continued to show signs of yielding to a solution of the long-standing controversy between California and Arizona.

The house with its smooth-working machinery already has ground out the first of its nine measures for appropriation of the billions of dollars necessary to run the government next year and during the week its leaders expect to dispose of another and receive a third from its committee.

On Tuesday, Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee will bring the Kellogg anti-war treaty again before that body, with a view to expediting committee action.

Behind the Boulder dam bill in the senate is gathering a real batch of legislation with the new McNary farm relief, the fate of which is still in doubt, pending a decision by party leaders as to whether to seek its passage at this short session or await the extra session promised for its consideration, if necessary, by Herbert Hoover.

PROGRESS CLAIMED IN ANTI-RUM FIGHT

Washington, D. C.—The efforts of the prohibition bureau of the treasury department to enforce the prohibition law was depicted in the annual report of Prohibition Commissioner Doran, who recited that his forces had made 75,307 arrests, with 58,813 convictions, in the fiscal year 1928. It was an increase of 10,000 over the arrests for the previous year.

Operating with 4396 permanent and 92 temporary employes, the bureau seized 1,048,636 gallons of illegal spirits, 4,254,029 gallons of malt liquors, 399,603 gallons of wine, 16,220 illicit distillers, 19,980 stills and 217,278 fermenters. During the year the prohibition forces seized 6934 automobiles valued at \$3,057,132 and 81 boats valued at \$144,240.

Commissioner Doran said 77,799 prohibition violation cases were terminated in 1928, and of the convictions 15,793 persons were given jail sentences equalling 5631 years and fines aggregating \$7,031,109 were assessed. In addition to the federal cases agents of the bureau aided in 15,077 cases in state courts in which 9025 convictions were secured.

VETS GET \$100,000 MONTHLY

Sum of \$26,217,825 Loaned by State of Oregon in 7 Years.

Salem, Or.—Approximately 10,864 veterans of the world war borrowed \$26,217,825 from the state of Oregon during the seven years that the state bonus and loan commission has been in operation, according to figures available in the offices of the world war veterans' state aid commission.

While most of the money was loaned during the first two years that the commission was in existence, loans are still being made at the rate of more than \$100,000 a month. Cash bonuses have been distributed in the amount of \$4,663,395.

Interest paid on loans taken out up to the present time totals \$3,636,774.87, while \$3,507,610.63 has been paid in principal.

The report showed that 384 properties have been foreclosed and taken over by the commission.

Two Die, 10 Hurt in Rail Smashup.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Two engineers were killed and ten persons were injured in a head-on collision on the Fort Worth & Denver City railroad 416 miles northwest of Fort Worth. Officials of the railroad expressed belief the wreck was caused by failure of a freight train to sidetrack between Amarillo and Dalhart for passenger train No. 2, southbound from Denver.

Train Hits Auto, Three Die in Idaho.

Boise, Idaho.—Guy Powell of Buhl, Idaho, was instantly killed and his wife and 5-year-old stepdaughter, Catherine Andreen, were injured fatally when their automobile was hit by a train at Filer. The woman and child died in a Twin Falls, Idaho, hospital.

New Earthquake Felt in Talca.

Santiago, Chile.—Dispatches received here said that there was a strong earthquake shock in Talca, and that two houses collapsed and several walls fell.

FISH BOARD CONSIDERED

Power of Commission Makes Careful Selection Necessary.

Olympia, Wash.—Governor Hartley may soon take action to restore the life of the state fisheries board, which was vacated and left dormant in 1927.

Representatives of the fishing industry have recently urged restoration of the board and were persuaded that the governor was not unmindful of the need for re-establishment of the fisheries authority and that the delay was due to the difficulty of finding three men of the "right sort" for the board.

Making up the fisheries board is concededly a ticklish problem for several reasons. In the first place, the board is the most powerful of all state commissions, ranking next to the legislature.

It has jurisdiction over seasons, gear, etc., and its orders, if promulgated, are final and not subject to review by the courts.

"Tar Heel" Bees Earn Millions.

Raleigh, N. C.—As a farm industry in North Carolina, bee-keeping is a 2-1/2-million dollar enterprise. Twelve years ago it was worth only \$468,941.6. This year there are 214,945 colonies of bees in North Carolina and they produced 14,000,000 pounds of honey.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.48; soft white, \$1.17 1/2; western white, \$1.16 1/2; hard winter, \$1.11 1/2; northern spring, \$1.10; western red, \$1.12.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$22@22.50 ton; valley timothy, \$17@17.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21; clover, \$15.50@16; oat, \$15@15.50; oats and vetch hay, \$16@16.50.

Butterfat—54@55c.

Eggs—Ranch, 31@44c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$11@12.25.

Hogs—Medium to choice, \$7.75@8.75.

Lambs—Good to choice, \$11@12.

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, \$1.17 1/2; western white, \$1.16 1/2; hard winter, northern spring, \$1.11 1/2; western red, \$1.12 1/2; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.45 1/2.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$22; timothy, \$28.

Butterfat—54c.

Eggs—Ranch, 24@44c.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$11@11.50.

Hogs—Prime, \$9.25@9.40.

Lambs—Choice, \$11@11.50.

Spokane

Hogs—Good and choice, \$8.75@9.30.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.50@11.50.