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AMERICAN NAVAL THEORY REJECTED

Big Principle Scrapped When Minority Report on Issue Is Voted Down.

Geneva.—The Americans met defeat on naval problems. Their minority report, to which Great Britain, Argentina and Chile had subscribed and made their own, was definitely rejected at a meeting of disarmament experts.

Only the signers themselves supported it, fourteen others voted against it and Germany declined to cast a ballot. The minority report contended that the naval strength of the various countries should be compared by the tonnage of classes of ships, rather than by total tonnage.

The disarmament meeting then adopted the majority report of the naval sub-committee.

The significance of the action is that one of the fundamental principles of the Washington naval treaty is scrapped. This principle is that in comparing navies of countries the standard should be the total tonnage of classes of ships, as for instance battleships. The report finally approved rejects the standard as unfair in its application to the countries which did not participate in the Washington conference.

The United States gave notice to the military committee on the preparatory disarmament commission that it would never agree to placing supervision of its armaments in the hands of any international body.

The United States also made plain that it could not place the carrying out of any program of limitation of armaments in the hands of an international body.

DRY ORGANIZATION SPENDS MILLIONS

Washington, D. C.—Expenditures of more than \$7,000,000 by the anti-saloon leagues in 22 states during the past six years were disclosed by additional reports filed with the senate campaign funds committee by Wayne B. Wheeler, counsel for the national dry organization.

These states include New York, Maryland and Rhode Island, which alone have no local dry enforcement statutes as well as Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri and Kentucky.

While the state organizations contribute certain parts of their income to the national anti-saloon league, it was developed from Mr. Wheeler, that both the national and state organizations do their own collecting independently of each other.

It was revealed, among other things, that Richmond Pearson Hobson, a field agent for the prohibition cause for many years, received a total of \$171,249 over a period of nine years, or almost \$20,000 a year. He was a lecturer and organizer.

William Jennings Bryan, prohibitionist, fundamentalist churchman and democratic presidential candidate, received \$11,000 from the Anti-Saloon league in 1919 for making prohibition speeches, it was shown.

AVIATION OFFICIALS NAMED

Senate Confirms Men for New Positions Created by Congress.

Washington, D. C.—Less than two hours after it had been transmitted to the senate by President Coolidge, the nomination of F. Trubee Davison of New York to be assistant secretary of war in charge of aviation, was confirmed.

The senate also confirmed the nomination of Edward P. Warner, professor of aeronautics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to be assistant secretary of the navy in charge of aviation.

Davison and Warner will hold posts created under legislation just enacted by congress with a view to strengthening the army and navy air services. Another measure, which also carried out recommendations of the president's air board, provides for an assistant secretary of commerce to have charge of the new bureau of civil aeronautics, but no one has been designated as yet for that post.

Carson City, Nev.—A state referendum on the liquor question is asked in a petition bearing the names of 30 per cent of Nevada's voters, filed in the secretary of state's office.

HARVESTING MACHINES AND CREWS SWING INTO ACTION

Operations in the harvest fields are swinging into action in the Athena wheat belt this week, and with favorable weather, the peak of harvest activity will be reached the fore part of next week, and every machine in the district will be at work.

A number of new machines have been started. The new International distributed by Rogers & Goodman are giving good account of themselves, and are handling the heavy straw growth without any difficulty whatever, much to the satisfaction of the firm and the wheatgrower who purchased the machine.

General reports from the harvest fields so far are placing the yield of Federation at 40 bushels and better, with a few fields around 35 per acre. All reports concur in the statement that Federation is grading high this year, around 60 to 61 pounds to the bushel.

Grain is coming to the local storage houses this week, especially the bulk product, and every facility is at hand to take care of it promptly. No sales have been reported.

The first serious grain fire was reported from the section south of Milton. There fire, starting from the backfire of a combine engine destroyed the combine, 60 acres of stubble-field and the sacked wheat cut from the field, a barn full of hay an unused residence and 120 acres of standing grain.

The fire started on the Robert G. Still place, where all the damage was done with the exception of the 120 acres of standing wheat on the Lillard York place adjoining. The wheat was insured, but the rest of the property was not.

On account of the hot dry weather extra precautions are being taken against fire occurrence in the fields. As a rule the Athena farmer carries insurance on his growing crop.

JUNE HEAT AVERAGE

June was a warm month in a succession of warm months, according to the monthly report sent out by the weather bureau. The mean temperature for the month was 71.5 degrees, while the normal for June is but 65.5 degrees, giving the past month an average daily excess of five degrees. According to the records every month for the past year and a half has been above normal in heat with the exception of one month in 1925. An excess of 862 degrees has been accumulated since January 1.

BOY'S LEG BROKEN

While Joseph Thomas, 10-year-old son of Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, was riding in a car with a young friend, Howard Dunlap, on their wheat ranch near Barrett station, Howard turned suddenly, not knowing Joseph was on the running board, and the latter fell off, the car running over him and breaking his leg near the hip. The other boy had to run about three miles for assistance. Joseph was taken 12 miles to St. Mary's hospital, Walla Walla.

GIRL BITTEN BY DOG

The 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Edwards of Touchet was severely bitten about the face and hands by a dog which had attacked a baby sister of the child. The dog turned upon the older child when she attempted to pull it away from the baby. Treatment with anti-rabies serum was administered at the hospital in Walla Walla to which the child was rushed. So far she is not ill from the wounds.

BUCKS AND BEARS TIE

Pendleton jumped into a tie for the league leadership with Walla Walla in the Blue Mountain league by taking a 2 to 1 contest Sunday. The winners scored their last run in the last of the ninth when Walla Walla threw the ball away in an attempt to get a runner at third. The deciding game will be played at Pendleton, Sunday.

FOURTH QUIET HERE

The Fourth of July passed off quietly in Athena. Many went to where a big crowd congregated Monday. Others celebrated at Freewater, where a big crowd congregated Monday. Athena stores remained closed all day.

NEW ICE HOUSE

Allie Bell and Claud Dickenson are building an ice house near the Jensen Blacksmith shop.

MONEY GONE, WORK ON ATTALIA OIL WELL STOPS

Due to lack of finances, operations at the Columbia Basin oil well, two miles northwest of Attalia were discontinued last week, says the Attalia News Tribune, which continues: It is hoped by the officers of the company, however, that enough money can be raised among the stockholders so that work may be resumed within a few weeks.

Actual work has been carried on at the well for the past two years by Carl Kupers, president of the company, E. B. Vogel, vice president and Arthur Garrett, who have received no compensation for their labors. Money that has been raised has been used to pay for electric power, equipment, etc., a large part of the money being contributed by the officers themselves.

Last week the electric power was shut off by the power company since the oil company was unable to pay the May power bill. Signs have been posted at the well, warning trespassers to keep out and gates to the grounds locked.

The Columbia Basin oil well was "spudded in" July 11, 1920, virtually six years ago, and work has been going on steadily since that time. Heavy oil showing have been struck at various depths, the most notable being at the 2912 foot level. The well is now 3740 feet deep. At the time of shutting down, pumping water from hole was going on and good progress had been made. Oil showings were reappearing as the water was lowered and gas pressure was exceptionally heavy.

Mr. Vogel stated that nothing definite is known as to when work may be resumed, it depending entirely on whether money can be secured to continue.

NEW STATE GAME CODE HAS BEEN REQUESTED

A new game code which will correct conflicts and inconsistencies in the Oregon law is being drafted by E. F. Averill, state game warden. Sportsmen's organizations, deputy game wardens and individual sportsmen, have been requested to send in any suggested changes.

When all the proposals are in the list will be sent the sportsmen's organizations for their approval and then will be passed on by the state commission. The attorney general has promised to put it in legal form for presentation before the legislature. The new measure, if passed, will take effect in 1927.

BANK STATEMENT

On another page of today's edition of the Press will be found the First National Bank of Athena statement to the comptroller of the currency of its financial condition at the close of business, June 30. The statement shows loans amounting to \$576,627.16, deposits totalling \$734,226.23, and cash and exchange on hand, \$227,304.97.

FOUR PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM PEN ARE CAPTURED

Four prisoners, Richard Moore, Walter Michener and Richard Franzien, escaped from the Oregon penitentiary Friday afternoon, when they cut their way through the wire entanglement with a hatchet and made their escape over the wall under the noses of the guard.

The four escapes made their way to the vicinity of McMinnville where they wandered around in the brush and fields until they were caught Tuesday morning without battle, although two of them possessed automatic pistols.

After a ceaseless vigil centering about McMinnville since 6 A. M. Sunday on the part of a posse led by Deputy Warden Golden of the penitentiary and Sheriff Manning of Yamhill county, the quartet, which had split up into pairs, were captured. Moore and Franzien were taken about 8:45 A. M. in a heavily wooded ravine, while Fisher and Michener gave up when apprehended shortly before 1 o'clock in a thick clump of bushes not more than 100 yards off the main highway on the northern outskirts of the city.

Both captures came as climaxes to well-organized sorties on the part of the possemen when the districts were combed. And in each case the youthful desperadoes, haggard, sleepless and without food since Sunday afternoon appeared glad the hunt was over.

TAX REFUND \$5,000,000

The most beneficial measure for Oregon which passed congress was the Stanfield tax refunding bill for counties in which the former Oregon and California land grants are situated, providing for repayment to those counties of more than \$5,000,000 in back taxes. Another bill of state interest is the charge-off reclamation bill, readjusting water right charges on the Klamath and Umatilla irrigation projects.

ARTESIAN WELL STRUCK

An artesian well has been struck on the John McGuire ranch in the Russell Creek district by A. A. Durand, driller. The well gushed forth when the drill had penetrated to a depth of only 90 feet. This is said to be a new record for the Walla Walla valley. It is the first artesian well to be struck in the Russell Creek district.

COPPED THE FIREWORKS

When a practical joker copped the fireworks of the Freewater celebration the evening program was considerably curtailed. The joker was taken to jail for the offense.

BLALOCK LAKE

Blalock Lake, Walla Walla's new amusement park, was opened to the public, Saturday July 3. The park features dancing, boating and swimming.

MRS. HOOVER TURNS BRICKLAYER



Mrs. Herbert Hoover, wife of the Secretary of Commerce in President Coolidge's cabinet, is shown laying the cornerstone for the model home being erected by Better Homes in America organization at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, in Philadelphia, June 1 to December 1 to celebrate 150 years of American Independence. Opposite Mrs. Hoover stands Mrs. Vance McCormick of Harrisburg. The Girl Scouts grouped around the women will erect the house.

TRUCK BILL ON BALLOT

The bus and truck bill will be placed before the voters of Oregon at the November election, it was announced following the filing of petitions containing 24,641 certified names. The petitions were filed with the secretary of state by the Oregon Motor Stage association. A schedule of rates for licenses for motor busses and trucks operated in Oregon is provided in the measure, which is a substitute for house bill 413 of the 1925 legislature. This bill is not being attacked through the referendum.

ASKS BANKRUPTCY

An involuntary petition to have Cameron-Yenney Grain company, a corporation, adjusted bankrupt, was filed in the United States District Court at Walla Walla. The petition filed by the law firms of Sharpstein, Smith and Sharpstein, and E. L. Cassey, is signed by five persons, as follows: H. B. Kershaw, C. A. Huntegate, C. L. Swezea, Frank Kent and Guy Kent. Insolvency is alleged in the petition.

INDIANS AT MOLALLA

A number of Umatilla Indians participated in a rodeo given at Molalla, Oregon, July 4th, under direction of Ben Jory, well known Round-Up performer.

E. L. BARNETT EXPIRES AT CLUB WHILE PLAYING CARDS

E. L. Barnett, former resident of Athena, retired business man, living at 545 Tillamook street, Portland, dropped dead last Friday afternoon while playing cards at the Lamb's club in that city.

Deputy Coroner Ross, who investigated, stated that natural causes, probably a weak heart, caused the man's death.

Mr. Barnett is survived by his widow, Nora W. Barnett, and by a son and daughter, A. R. Barnett of Los Angeles and Mrs. Mabel Chimento of Seattle.

Mr. Barnett was a resident of Athena for many years prior to going to Portland. He engaged in the mercantile business when he first came to Athena, and afterward was cashier of the First National Bank of Athena, being succeeded by Mr. LeGrow, the present cashier. Mr. Barnett was 71 years of age at the time of his death.

LANDING FIELD NEEDED

Need for a landing field near Walla Walla was pointed out by those interested as the result of the forced landing there of a Varney mail airplane, piloted by Jay Tate, says the Union. Tate was unable to land at Pasco, because of a windstorm, and flew to Walla Walla, land on the Veterans Hospital reservation. The mail was placed in an auto, and rushed to Pasco by Tate. Tate had difficulty finding a place to land there, he stated, no fields being market.

NEW RAIL LINE UNDER WAY

A new railroad is being constructed from Ames crossing toward the Sanger district in eastern Oregon. It is expected the road will be completed to the timber where the Grande Ronde Lumber company will begin logging operations next winter. Completion of this road is also awaited by the Mother Lode Copper company, which is carrying forward development work near the east terminal.

HOT DAYS HERE

The hot wave was felt in Athena Sunday and Monday, when the mercury climbed close to century mark. Monday at Walla Walla, temperature records for the year were smashed with 104 degrees.

SAVED BY SCOUT

Paul Durand, a thirteen-year-old scout of Walla Walla, saved eight-year-old Marcel Saxton from drowning in a swimming pool Mill creek, Monday during a Fourth of July picnic.

WASHINGTON BALLOT

For the first time since the Washington state constitution was amended in 1912, the general election ballot of next November will carry neither an initiative nor a referendum.

GOVERNMENT SURPLUS TOTALS \$377,768,000

Amount Is Four Times What Coolidge Earlier in Year Expected.

Washington, D. C.—The federal government closed its fiscal year, with a surplus of \$377,768,000.

This margin, although below the estimate of \$390,000,000 recently made by President Coolidge, is almost four times as large as was expected by the president earlier in the year. The surplus will be used to reduce the public debt.

Both customs receipts and income taxes exceeded those of last year, the latter despite the reductions in tax rates made in the middle of the year. The public debt during the last fiscal year was reduced \$85,000,000, making the total obligation now \$19,433,000,000.

Secretary Mellon announced that the treasury was selling \$43,000,000 of 4 1/2 per cent far loan bank bonds back to the loan banks. These bonds, taken by the government to establish a farm loan bank system will be reissued to the public at 4-1/8 per cent.

Moneys derived from the sale of these bonds will be placed in the treasury to stabilize the government's finances until the next tax collection period in September. This fund, which is now available, made the issuing of bonds on June 15 as customary to finance the government, unnecessary.

The government revenues last year were \$2,962,755,000 and expenditures \$2,584,987,000.

Income tax receipts were \$1,982,040,000, and customs collections \$579,430,000.

CONGRESS PASSES CO-OPERATIVE BILL

Washington, D. C.—The co-operative marketing bill was the only farm relief measure to run the house and senate gauntlet at this session.

After rejecting, 156 to 67, a motion to send the measure to conference, the house, without a record vote, approved two senate amendments.

Sponsored by Secretary Jardine, it would create a division in the agriculture department to foster the development and work of farmers' co-operatives, and an appropriation of \$225,000 would be authorized.

The bill was approved by the senate after it had rejected the Foss farm credits bill, endorsed by President Coolidge, to which it had been proposed as a rider.

When it came back to the house Representative McDuffie, democrat, Alabama, moved to send it to conference. He was supported by a group of democrats and a few republicans who opposed a senate amendment to eliminate naval stores from the commodities to be classified under the bill as "agricultural products."

The other senate amendment, designed to broaden the scope of the proposed co-operative division, was accepted without debate.

HOUSE APPROVES PENSIONS

Civil and Mexican War Veterans to Get More Money.

Washington, D. C.—A senate bill providing increases of pensions to civil and Mexican war veterans and dependents at an estimated cost to the government of \$15,000,000 annually was passed by the house without a record vote.

Under the bill, it is estimated that 53,000 civil war veterans now getting \$50 a month would receive \$65. Veterans receiving \$72 a month would get \$90, if totally disabled or blind, and it is estimated 20 per cent of the 56,000 men now on a \$72 basis would be eligible for the increase.

The pensions of 26,000 widows of civil war veterans would be increased from \$30 to \$50 a month while civil war nurses would receive \$50 a month.

About 1100 widows of veterans of the war of 1812 and the Mexican war would be eligible for an increase from \$30 to \$50 a month.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon authorized a denial of a story called from Paris that he had been in private communication with Finance Minister Caillaux and had given him assurance that article 7 of the Franco-American debt agreement would not be enforced.

Foolish Season Is Here

