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**C. E. CONVENTION
OPENS IN PORTLAND**

Address By Governor Pinchot Outstanding Feature of First Session.

Portland, Or.—The first session of the 20th International Christian Endeavor convention opened here with a big rally and public patriotic service on Multnomah field Saturday night. Featured on the program, which was the outstanding Fourth of July event in Portland, was an address by Clifford Pinchot, governor of Pennsylvania.

Governor Pinchot and Dr. Dan A. Poling, associate president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, were the principal speakers.

Governor Pinchot in rallying the Christian hosts to active political interest among other things declared that lack of vote-casting "keeps corrupt politics alive," and he particularly leveled his guns at electrical power companies, which, he said, were building up a "super-power" monopoly. To offset this he proposed what he termed his "giant power" plan of building up gradually a nation-wide, government-regulated system of electric service for the benefit of the people—a system which he argued would make it impossible for private power companies to exercise a virtual monopoly, reaping excessive profits.

After 35 years of service as president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, Dr. Francis E. Clark, its founder, resigned. He was succeeded by Dr. Daniel A. Poling of New York, who for ten years acted in the capacity of associate president.

Dr. Clark, who is more than 70 years old and is known as the father of Christian Endeavor, was elected president emeritus.

KATE GLEASON



Miss Kate Gleason of Rochester, N. Y., who is the only woman member of the American Society of Engineers.

**COOLIDGE URGES
PEACE COVENANTS**

Cambridge, Mass.—Near the spot where George Washington took command of the continental army, President Coolidge called on the nations of Europe to enter into mutual covenants for their mutual security, pledging the moral support of the American government if they do so.

"While our own country should refrain from making political commitments where it does not have political interests," he declared, "such covenants would always have the moral support of our government and could not fail to have the commendation of the public opinion of the world."

"Such a course would be sure to endow the participating nations with an abundant material and spiritual reward. On what other basis can there be any encouragement for a disposition to attempt to finance a revival of Europe."

The president's address, delivered on historic Cambridge commons, was the feature of the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the day Washington assumed command of the continental troops.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

President Coolidge was 53 years old on the Fourth of July.

Senator Underwood of Alabama has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the senate when his present term expires.

Francis E. McGovern, ex-governor of Wisconsin has formally announced his candidacy for the vacancy in the senate caused by the death of Robert M. La Follette.

Miss Mary McKimmon, principal of the Pierce school, Brookline, Mass., was elected president of the National Education association at the convention held in Indianapolis.

Des Moines, Iowa street car men walked out to enforce demands that the company discharge a nonunion employee and recognize the validity of the check-off clause in the labor contract. About 800 men were affected.

German Population Same as in 1908.

Berlin.—Provisional figures of the census taken last month show that the population of Germany is, roughly, 62,500,000, excluding the Sarre region, the population of which is estimated at another 750,000. Thus the population of Germany is about the same as it was in 1908, whereas at the outbreak of the war it was roughly 65,000,000. It is estimated Germany lost nearly 7,000,000 by the cession of various territories under terms of the peace treaty, another 2,750,000 by deaths during the war and 2,500,000 through a decreased birth rate during that time.

Feud Captives Bound to Tree.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Sheriff Tom Seiman has started an investigation into the story told by Dr. W. D. Mason, local veterinarian and Lawrence Bowman, alleged feudist and aide of federal prohibition officers, that they had been kidnapped on Signal mountain and captive for ten days. The two men, who disappeared June 23, were found by Jim Tomas, mountaineer, handcuffed and tied to a tree about 15 miles from Chattanooga.

Librarians Meet at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash.—With an attendance of 1000 librarians from all parts of North America, the forty-seventh annual conference of the American Library association began here Monday. The sessions are to last throughout the week.

**JARDINE WARNS
GRAIN GAMBLERS**

Repetition of Recent Price Fluctuations Will Bring Penalty of Law.

Mandan, N. D.—The grain exchanges were notified by Secretary Jardine of the agriculture department that unless they voluntarily take action to prevent a repetition of the recent price fluctuations, he will go the full limit of the law in compelling them to do so.

"During the investigation carried on by the department of agriculture, to determine the causes of these disastrous price changes," he said in a Fourth of July address here, "I made certain suggestions to representatives of the Chicago Board of Trade and called upon them to consider constructive measures to prevent a similar situation in the future. As I see it, the grain exchanges of this country perform a useful function—at least, we have perfected no better system of marketing. But when the price of wheat fluctuates 12 or 13 cents in a day it indicates to me that there is something wrong."

The secretary's warning was delivered in the course of an exhaustive discussion of the agricultural problems of the country, for whose solution he suggested these policies:

Better farm business methods, including adjustment of production to prospective needs.

Maintenance of a liquid cash and staple reserve by farmers to tide them over poor crop years, as against investment of all available profits in more land.

**44 BODIES TAKEN
FROM CLUB RUINS**

Boston, Mass.—The forty-fourth body was taken from the wreck of the Pichwick club, once gay night resort, just 50 hours after the throng of "right before the Fourth" revelers were flung down and buried with the collapse of the building.

The collapse of the building came when a "right before the Fourth" party was at its height on the second floor of the building.

About 200 persons were on the dance floor when there came the rumble as the fifth floor collapsed. Lights went out and with a roar like thunder the upper floors fell on the merry-makers on the second floor.

Pandemonium reigned and shrieking women and shouting men were hurled in a helpless mass to the basement in the ruins of the building. A few near the exits heard the first warning roar and escaped when they felt the building collapse a few seconds before the catastrophe was complete.

GREAT BRITAIN DUNS PARIS

France Reported Ready to Negotiate on U. S. Debt.

Paris.—Austen Chamberlain, British secretary for foreign affairs, has delivered to M. De Fleuriau, the French ambassador to Great Britain, a new memorandum suggesting that the time is ripe for France to make an offer for the settlement of her debt to England, even if it is only a provisional one.

After summing up what has gone before, Mr. Chamberlain states that the British government has no desire to interfere in negotiations which France might consider right to initiate with other creditor powers—by which the United States evidently is meant—but feels it necessary to lay down the principle that it is entitled to be treated on an equal footing.

Loss of Senate Seen by Borah.

Spokane, Wash.—That the republican party will "have a hard fight" to hold its majority in the United States senate in 1926, was the opinion expressed here in a newspaper interview by United States Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, who was en route to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to deliver an Independence day address. He pointed out that four or five of the present republican membership have been elected from normally democratic states.

Washington's Gas Tax Gains \$25,393.

Olympia, Wash.—The gasoline tax receipts for June in Washington were \$288,871.20, according to W. G. Potts, state treasurer, an increase of \$26,392.96 over the corresponding month in 1924. Refunds for the month will be \$16,843.78, leaving \$271,927.42. Net receipts from the gasoline tax since the law became effective July 1, 1921, amount to \$6,447,227.87.

French War Debt Mission Coming.

Paris.—The French government has decided to send a mission to the United States with the object of reaching an agreement with the American debt funding commission relative to payment of France's debt.

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OREGON NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

Prospects are bright at Hood River this season for an apple crop of large size and good quality. The yield is now estimated at 60 per cent of the 3,000,000-box tonnage of last year. The fruit will run considerably larger in size than last year.

Output of the 825 industrial establishments now in operation in Portland will have a value of \$214,150,000 in 1925. The annual payroll of these concerns will aggregate approximately \$40,000,000, this amount going to the 30,000 persons employed.

Perry Plymale, 13, of Bandon, is a candidate for a Carnegie medal for life-saving. Young Plymale was at his father's road camp at Hunter's creek, Curry county, and rescued a mother and her 13-year-old daughter from drowning in the stream which flows there.

Mounting to over 8,500,000 gallons, sales of gasoline in Oregon for May, 1925, more than equaled those of June last year, says a statement by Secretary of State Koser. To date the motor vehicle fuels tax measure has brought to the state treasury the total sum of \$3,767,807.71.

With the pledging of milk from more than 250 cows in Benton county to a proposed cheese factory to be constructed by a co-operative association of dairymen at Tangent, it has been announced that the final production now necessary to insure success of one unit has been signed up.

Portland has been made the headquarters of the reorganized naturalization service district, and V. W. Tomlinson, formerly head naturalization examiner in the Portland office, has been named director. The district will include Oregon, southwestern Washington, southwestern Idaho and northern California.

When a permit for a million-dollar hotel was issued by the Portland building division the month of June surpassed all previous records, with a total of 1098 permits calling for construction totaling more than \$4,896,830. Bank clearings also were higher than for any other June record and \$24,088,625 over June of last year.

Approximately 400 sets of license plates were issued by the secretary of state's office at Salem the first day on which the half yearly license rate became effective. Many other applications have been received, but could not be filled as the applicants failed to include their certificates of title for registration, as is required under the new law which became effective July 1.

Portland probably will have air mail service in the near future, following the call for bids by the postoffice department on eight new routes, including the Los Angeles-Seattle route and the Elko, Nevada-Pasco, Washington service.

S. L. Beck is drilling for artesian water on the John Brice place near Boardman. He recently brought in the tenth artesian well on the project for W. A. Price with a flow of three gallons per minute at a depth of 109 feet.

A new manufacturing industry, to be known as the Western Paper Converting company will probably establish a factory in Salem, with a capitalization of \$200,000, and a plant necessitating the employment of from 150 to 200 persons.