

# FUTILITY OF ARMS TOLD BY DR. MEZ

### Speaker Tells Audience That Armed Strength is Thing of the Past.

The utter futility of war and the vital necessity of our government's maintaining trade and business relations with other countries was forcibly brought to the minds of the men and women who gathered at the Methodist church last Monday night to hear Dr. John R. Mez, professor of political science at the University, in his talk on the subject, "Nations and Arms."

The speaker briefly outlined the work which the naval experts at London are now trying to do, told why the group was meeting, and expressed his opinion as to what results of these discussions would be.

#### Failure Blamed on British

"The failure of the Geneva conference, called by President Coolidge, was due to the propaganda work of William B. Shearer and the refusal of the then conservative British government to discuss limitation of armaments. The result was that Coolidge signed the Cruiser bill, authorizing the construction of eleven new cruisers."

"This," declared Dr. Mez, resulted in an overthrow of the British government, and with the election of Ramsey Macdonald to represent the labor party, he was despatched to Washington to discuss with Herbert Hoover the possibility of limiting armament, and a conference was called for London."

The men now gathered at London are trying to reach an agreement whereby there will be no new battle ships and cruisers constructed during the next few years. They are also trying to eliminate the submarine from the list of defense weapons.

"The submarine is a cowardly weapon," stated Dr. Mez. "It strikes from the dark and behind the back. It will not be tolerated by the leading powers, and that means that the smaller ones will not have them."

He praised the attempt being made to have the government representatives sign a treaty outlawing the submarine.

"Make it unlawful to have submarines, and you have made the country a law breaker when she uses them. She will think twice before she violates an international law which will be backed by most of the countries in the world."

#### Visual Results are Doubtful

Dr. Mez is not sure that the present conference will accomplish as much as is expected, but he assured his audience that there will be other conferences every five years, and often if attempts are made to vote large sums of money for naval defense.

"The English are still too evenly divided between the Conservatives, who want a strong naval defense, and the Labor party, who do not want a strong defense," Dr. Mez thinks that if the conference votes to sink or destroy some of the now existing ships that there are enough people in the Labor party who will join the Conservatives and vote McDonald out of office. It is also certain, he thinks, that if the conference does not succeed in limiting armament that McDonald will be ousted.

#### Armaments are Futile

Strong armaments are futile, he said. Germany had a strong military system. It was defeated and Germany is still existing.

"The next war will not be fought between Germany and France," he declared.

He saw probabilities of another war but felt sure that these two countries would not be the leading figures. He said that Baron DuVall, who recently appeared in Eugene, felt the same way.

More than one hundred people were present for the supper which preceded the meeting, and at least 75 people heard Dr. Mez make his address.

Before the address the Brotherhood held a short business meeting at which time the committee seeking the construction of a fence around Judkins Point reported that the petition had been received by the county court, but were told that it was a matter for the state highway commission, and the petition was forwarded to that body.

#### Principals to Talk

The next meeting was decided upon for April 21. No outside speaker will come for that meeting, but each of the three principals at the local schools will be asked to make short addresses. Following the addresses a political discussion will be held.

The following new members were voted into membership in the Brotherhood: John F. Ketels, Ernest McKinney, C. B. Wood, W. E. Buell, Ira Bidwell, and Charles Paddock.

# Wood Exhibition Assured Success

### Largest Products Exhibit of Northwest to be Seen at Armory Next Week.

Plans for the first Wood Products show ever to be held in Lane county, and what is expected to be the largest and best show ever held in Oregon or the Pacific Northwest are almost completed, according to George Pearson, general chairman of the Employees Wood Promotion committee of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, who is in charge of the exposition which will be held in the Eugene Armory next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, afternoons and evenings.

Everything is going to be free, says Mr. Pearson, and there will be some very unique souvenirs given away during the show.

#### Anyone May Exhibit

Many entrants have been entered for display and there is still room for several others. Any individual or organization which would like to exhibit some product made in Oregon or Oregon woods should communicate at once with Mr. Pearson. He can be reached by calling Eugene 2410, the telephone number of H. J. Cox, secretary of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association, where he is making his headquarters.

Mr. Pearson desires to call the attention of the public to the fact that Herb Owen, boxing promoter, voluntarily offered to give up his night for fights so that the show would be a certain success.

#### Story of Lumber to be Shown

"Lumber from the virgin forest to the manufactured novelty" will be the theme of the show. Every step of the process which lumber goes through from the time it is cut in the forest until it is sold in the form of the finest finished product will be shown at the armory. Most of the uses to which our native lumber is now put will be shown by exhibits, which will include exhibits of the manual training shops in Springfield and several others in Lane county; woodcraft exhibits of the Boy and Girl Scout troops, several private exhibits, and exhibits from several of the lumber mills in this county, as well as elaborate ones from Corvallis and Washington University.

A moving picture, "The Transformation," has also been secured and will be shown twice daily. It will show the possibilities of modernizing the old home.

#### Will Show Uses of By-products

The economical utilization of short lumber and by-products of the small mills will be shown in several exhibits from the United States Department of Commerce. These exhibits will be under the direction of James G. Brotherton, of Portland.

## LOCAL PEOPLE PLEASED WITH "WELCOME DANGER"

Harold Lloyd's latest picture, and his first all-talking picture, is being acclaimed by Springfield people who have seen it as being one of the best he has ever made and much better than some of the latter ones which have been produced by him.

"Welcome Danger" is the story of the son of a rip-snortin' western police officer, who prefers picking flowers to hunting criminals. But the day comes when he must match his wits with the most wily in Chinatown, with the result of combined daring and comical situations.

Of course there is the usual Lloyd love theme in the picture. It is well worth seeing and a large crowd is expected at the Bell theatre this evening for the last of the three day run of the film.

Much improvement and adjustment work has been done on the sound equipment at the theatre here. Patrons who attended the first two nights showing of the Lloyd picture were well pleased with the sound effects. They have been adjusted so that they are always in harmony with the picture on the screen and is just loud enough to be heard without distortion.

Many Eugene theatre operators who have dropped in to see the equipment and hear it working have told the manager that the sound qualities here are just as good as they are in the best of the Eugene theatres.

A special feature for the people who find it hard to hear the words spoken from the screen will be the installation of earphones for each seat in the back row of the theatre, says Herbert Weiss, manager.

Thirty-six dancing girls were rehearsed for two weeks, from nine each morning until five each afternoon, for the difficult chorus routine in the "Follies" scenes in the "Dance of Life," the all-talking production of the stage play, "Burlesque," which will be shown at the Bell theatre, starting Tuesday.

## UPPER WILLAMETTE

Ernest Schrenck, Jr., who has been very seriously ill with pneumonia the past five weeks, has been brought back from the hospital to his home at Pleasant Hill. He is still in a very bad way.

Bert Feglis is very ill with pneumonia.

The Christian Endeavor entertainment and supper which were to have been given Friday of this week, has been postponed on account of the illness of the president, Bert Feglis.

Professor E. E. Kilpatrick, who has been principal of the Pleasant Hill high school the past four years, has signed up to teach another year.

A special school meeting has been called by the high school board for March 29 to vote on the questions of transporting pupils.

The noon hour at the high school is now devoted to baseball practice. Floyd Manney has been elected the captain of the boys' team.

The ladies of Pleasant Hill had an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. Ralph Land last Wednesday. Miss Skow was present and taught them lamp shade making. Dinner was enjoyed at the noon hour.

The freshman class gave the upper classmen a reception and party on Friday night, March 14. A program was given followed by refreshments. Games were played in the gymnasium. The program was as follows: Piano solo: Mildred Swift; speech of welcome, President Ruby Hyland; response by Laura Hutt; songs by Freshmen girls; duet by Evelyn Phelps and Bonnie Tinker; reading by Ruby Hyland.

The high school music students of Miss Maury Harden gave a recital at the Harden home Saturday night, March 15. Those who took part were Loree Laird, Florence Jordan, Lucille Jordan and Bonnie Jeanne Tinker.

Many of the high school students who have been absent on account of illness returned to school Monday. Plums and several of the peaches are about ready to bloom. Many of the farmers are planting garden this warm dry weather.

Mr. Petty, deputy tax collector, was working in the Pleasant Hill district last week. He reports that many dogs are not licensed.

The Pleasant Hill high school girls glee club are practicing for the contest to be held in Eugene in April. The following songs: the Papers Song, Bridal Chorus and There was a Lover and His Lass.

Lucille Jordan and Loree Laird will enter the musical contest in Eugene for piano pieces.

Following is the schedule for the Pleasant Hill baseball team this spring: April 4, Pleasant Hill at Mohawk; April 18, Pleasant Hill at Elmira; April 25, St. Maarys at Pleasant Hill; May 2, Pleasant Hill at Creswell; May 9, Mohawk at Pleasant Hill; May 16, Creswell at Pleasant Hill.

Pleasant Hill, although they will have a good team, are apt to find St. Maarys and Mohawk strong opponents.

## THURSTON

Taylor Needham had a stroke of paralysis last Saturday evening and is seriously ill. Mrs. Harvey Hadley came over and is helping her mother Mrs. Needham, in caring for him.

Mrs. A. B. Mathews gave a party to about twenty young folks last Wednesday evening in honor of her daughter, Miss Lois Mathews and Miss Hazel Russell's 18th birthdays.

The P. T. A. are sponsoring an entertainment to be given at the hall Thursday evening, March 20, to raise funds for a payment on the grade school piano. There will be a small sum charged for admission. Also will be sold home made candy, coffee and pie.

The Sunday school young people's class are preparing to entertain the community at the church on the evening of April 1.

Mr. Meinig was pleasantly surprised Monday evening when a number of his neighbors came in to call on him and to remind him it was his birthday. Refreshments were served.

Mr. Charles Teeters, of Cottage Grove, visited his sister, Mrs. Needham, last week. He recently had his hand shot and two finger amputated besides a body wound by the accidental discharge of his gun.

Mrs. Roy Edmiston attended the Texas club which met with her sister Mrs. M. J. McKinn, in Springfield last Tuesday.

The Laides Aid society of Thurston motored to Springfield last Friday afternoon and held a silver tea at the home of Mrs. Ernest Bertsch. Several Springfield ladies were visitors.

Charles Grant is the latest victim of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. John Price motored to Noti last Sunday and spent the day with their son, Curtis Price, and his family.

Mrs. Nelson, of Harrisburg, spent

the past week end with her sister, Mrs. Richard Hart.

Jay Grant, who has been attending O. S. C. at Corvallis, has finished his course and returned home Tuesday. Lum Mays, of Signal, was in Thurston Tuesday.

## Eastern Star Meeting

The regular meeting of the Eastern Star was held Tuesday evening without the usual supper preceding. Only routine business was transacted. Plans were made for another supper to be held at the first meeting in April.

#### Come from Creswell

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wallace, of route 1, Creswell, were transacting business in Springfield on Monday.

## BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND THEATRE HERE

Members of the Dirty Moore bicycle club of Eugene will attend the showing of pictures at the Bell theatre once each month, according to an announcement made here by Herbert Weiss, manager of the Bell theatre. Each boy who joins the bicycle club is entitled to a certain number of shows as a part of his membership dues, and by coming to Springfield they are able to take rides on their bicycles to and from the show in large groups.

## Marriage Licenses Issued

During the past week marriage licenses have been issued to the following by the county clerk:

Carl Cassidy and Muriel Mahan, both of Cottage Grove; Elwood Feglos, Vaughn and Viola Richardson, Salem; Alexander Long, Crescent, and Julia Clow, Oakland; John Lane and Mollie Martin, both of Eugene; Milton Biederback and Velma Fisher, both of Worlding; Walter Stewart and Lena Holliday, both of Roosevelt Beach.

#### Winberry Man Here

Charles Neet, of Winberry, was a business caller in Springfield on Monday afternoon.

#### Thurston Man Here

William Renne, of Thurston, was a visitor in the city on Monday.

#### From Waltherville

S. J. Goddard, of Waltherville, visited friends in this city on Monday.

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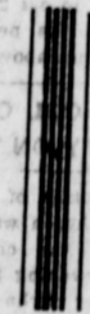
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