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## GETTING THE WILLIAMS "CUT-OFF" TAKES TIME

WE have received a communication regarding the Williams Creek "cut-off" road, which shows the writer does not entirely understand the situation.

Complaint is made that the proper authorities do not take "immediate action" to see that this connection with the Redwood Highway via the Oregon Caves be made at once.

For several months a committee of local business men have been working on this project, and everything is being done to secure this much needed improvement at the earliest possible moment.

But immediate construction is impossible. The cut-off will cost several hundred thousand dollars. \$500,000 is the maximum estimate—and Jackson and Josephine counties could not do this alone.

The construction must first be definitely outlined, both government and state aid must be secured, and because of the congestion in the highway departments of both, this cannot be accomplished in a day, or in a few days.

The Mail-Tribune has several times endorsed this project and pointed out its advantages. We believe everything is being done to construct it that can reasonably be expected.

Everyone is agreed regarding the desirability of this construction. There is also general agreement regarding the best plan of procedure. But to put the road over in the minimum time requires not only energy but some diplomacy, and the successful application of the latter faculty requires time.

## ONLY ONE BAR TO ANGLO-AMERICAN ACCORD

THE desire for world peace was never stronger than it is today. Political conditions in this country and Great Britain were never more favorable to making this desire effective.

And yet it is very doubtful if the coming conference between Premier MacDonald and President Hoover results in an agreement on the method of procedure.

The two countries have tentatively agreed upon naval parity but the fly in the ointment lies in that traditional stumbling block, known as the "freedom of the seas." And inextricably involved in this question is that "bête-noir" of post-war diplomacy, the League of Nations.

THE trouble is this: Great Britain as a member of the League is pledged to deny freedom of the seas, when the League demands coercive action against any nation starting a war of aggression.

The United States, not being a member, is under no such obligation and insists upon complete freedom of action. This, as a practical matter, means insistence by the United States upon freedom of the seas and upholding the rights of neutrals, in every war, regardless of the attitude of the League of Nations.

So here is the fatal impasse. Until the United States enters the League or Great Britain leaves it, no complete accord between the two countries, on a program of world peace, appears possible.

IN the matter of naval armament reduction, much can be done, theoretically, and one might say temporarily—but until agreement on the freedom of the seas issue has been reached, little can be done practically, or permanently.

In other words, while the coming conference may, like the Harding conference, be heralded as a great step toward world peace, as long as the above mentioned "fly" remains in the ointment, an ultimate repudiation of any agreement reached in Washington appears unavoidable.

## KINDNESS IS NOT WEAKNESS

AS was to be expected, the recent epidemic of prison outbreaks has impelled a majority of newspaper editors to blame the trouble on the "sentimental coddling of criminals."

Even the usually enlightened Oregon Journal joins in the procession and urges sterner and more uncompromising methods.

The only trouble with this diagnosis is that the riots occurred in those prisons where the sternest and "hardest boiled" methods have been employed. Two of them were popularly known in the underworld as "hell holes."

Even the warden himself has admitted that overcrowding, poor food, and the moral effect of the habitual criminal laws, contributed to the troubles.

No sensible person believes in coddling criminals. But that extreme is no more futile than the other,—which is treating them with unnecessary cruelty and that sort of injustice which is always the product of lack of sympathy and understanding.

## ASSASSIN SHOTS AT PRINCESS' CAR

LAIBACH, Jugoslavina, Aug. 2

An unsuccessful attempt was made today to shoot Princess Elizabeth Windsor, of the old royal family of that name, as she was returning to her castle at Laibach. A shot fired at a nearby village broke the window of the princess' automobile and the splinters wounded her slightly in the face.

The man who fired the shot escaped into a forest and was not captured.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 3.—A communist fired a revolver shot near the Belgian royal chapel in Brussels Thursday night. It was reported here today. Prince Charles, second son of King Albert, and Princess Marie-Jose, the Belgian monarch's youngest child, were staying at the residence. The government of western Flanders is investigating the affair.

CASABLANCA, Morocco.—65—Snails have taken such a liking to the hot railroad tracks as to constitute a nuisance. Recently a freight train ran into so many of them that the locomotive could not get traction, although the engine emptied his sandbox on the tracks. He had to wait for a relief locomotive.

Corvallis—Local cannery operating at full capacity.

Portland—Plans under way for erection of three-story Spanish type apartment house at 640 Flanders street at estimated cost of \$150,000.

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## Brisbane's Today

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city, educating more than 16,000 young boys and girls.

Washington University, in obedience to a State law, applies literally to the American idea of separation of church and State activities.

The university is more than non-sectarian. It forbids absolutely the teaching of religion, and no chapel is allowed on its university grounds. The theory is that public education should give young people what they cannot get in any other way. They get no religion at home and in churches.

Do you like scenery? There is nothing else here. Lakes, salt and fresh, inside city limits, mountains rising in all directions. Mount Baker National Forest with 75,599 acres is not far away. Indians called Mount Baker the "Great White Watcher." You would enjoy visiting that interesting extinct volcano, with stupendous smoky fumes rising from several craters, forty-four square miles of ice fields and twelve big glaciers are on its flanks.

Seattle has one of the three finest harbors in the world and more than the other two out of kind. This is the American port nearest to 700,000,000 people living in China, Japan, the Philippines and the rest of the Orient, all with real money to spend.

More transcontinental railways come here than at any other port on the Pacific. Seattle would like to fix all that in your memory.

The lumber industry alone brings \$500,000,000 to the State every year.

Washington ranks third among the States in developed hydro-electric power. The city owns and operates its own electric light plants. But don't tell Wall Street, that's Bolshevik.

If there is anything you want and don't see here, you need only ask for it.

The Japanese current gives to Seattle cool summers and mild winters. Zero weather is unknown here. Winter averages 41 degrees, in summer 62 degrees.

Seattle is the place to bring your babies; they don't die here.

The infant mortality rate is lower than in any other big city. And you will live longer here to see your baby grow up.

People live in their own homes. Forty-six per cent of dwellings are owned by their occupants. Building costs twenty-five per cent less than in the East.

There are hills in the city and Seattle dispenses of them inconspicuously. A long carrier takes the dirt from the hill, puts it on barges that dump it in the Pacific, where there is plenty of room. That keeps the city fairly level. At this moment, 1,000,000 cubic yards of dirt are moving out into the Pacific to level one hill.

In short, Washington is a great State. Seattle is a great city and you ought to see both.

Cherry maggots have been unusually severe in unsprayed orchards in western Oregon this year, resorts to the experiment station indicate. Some crops had to be turned down by the caterpillars because of serious infestation. From all reports received this far, growers who sprayed their trees with the simple sweetened poison at the proper time have escaped loss. This is one of the easiest sprays to apply and it does not affect the fruit at all.

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## ITALIAN LEADER TOOK BONUS FROM NEW YORK BANKS

ROME, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Italy re-

rehabilitated today with its great public scandal in years, involving Benito Mussolini, former leader of Milan and Italian financial expert at Versailles and the reputation and debt conference, and unnamed advisers.

Belloni was removed summarily late yesterday by Premier Mussolini from all public and political activity and various of his advisers, whose identity had not been made known, were imprisoned. The action followed report of a committee in Belloni's activities as podesta (mayor) of Milan.

The charges provoking the investigation were leveled by Roberto Farinacci at Cremona. Farinacci claimed Belloni favored the New York bankers, Dillon, Read and company, in return for a large money compensation in allotting a loan of \$30,000,000 to the city of Milan in 1927.

The committee exonerated Belloni of this charge, but found he had used his office as podesta to increase greatly his private fortune.

ZEPP NEAR AMERICA (Continued from Page One.)

the hangar and the mooring mast, more than half a mile away.

Within the hangar the dirigible Los Angeles and two navy blimps have been launched, leaving a fall side of the hangar for the 77-foot Zeppelin visitor.

After the hangar have been placed two loud speakers, each nine feet in diameter and capable of throwing a voice to any corner of the 2,500 acre field. An effort is to be made to pick up and send through the loud speakers the story of the arrival to be broadcast as the ship nears its destination, by Frank E. Henshaw, a passenger.

On the arrival of the big ship, Dr. Hugo Eckener, its skipper, will either be the overnight guest of Commander Maurice R. Pierce, captain of the station, or go direct to a hotel in New York City, where he will stay pending departure of the ship on the return journey to Germany. A special train will carry the dirigible's passengers to New York.

On the return trip, which also will be the first leg of the zeppelin's cruise around the world, Lieutenant Commander Charles E. Rosendahl, skipper of the Los Angeles, will be guest passenger. C. P. Burgess of the bureau of aeronautics in Washington will make the flight to Friedrichshafen.

Joachim Rickard of Boston will be a passenger on the world flight, while passengers on the Atlantic crossing only will be Morris Shumsky of Bridgeport, Conn.; Karl H. Von Weizel, newspaper man; Lady Grace Drummond Hay of London, and Robert Hartman, press photographer.

By Herbert S. Seibert (Special correspondent of the Associated Press)

ABOARD GRAF ZEPPELIN, Aug. 3.—(AP)—We passed two wharves at 11:20 a. m., going in the same direction. Our position at noon was 36 degrees, 4 minutes

North and 43 degrees, 35 minutes west. Our speed was 128 kilometers an hour (about 80 miles) and we had covered up to noon