CONFERENCE IDEAL WINS IN DISPUTES OF U. S. NEIGHBORS

Preservation of Peace in Western Hemisphere Becomes Business of All North and South America

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WASHINGTON.—Peace in the western hemisphere is the business of every government in North and South America.

That principle was confirmed a few weeks ago when Bolivia and Paraguay decided to submit their Chaco war to arbitration, after a century of intermittent fighting.

Thus the conference method of settling international disputes triumphed again on this side of the Atlantic. Even now the family of American governments is preparing for another in the long line of Pan American conferences, this one to be held in Lima, Peru, early in December.

A glance at the record helps explain this comparative quiet on the American front despite the war clatter elsewhere in the world. It reads almost like "A Century of Progress."

A little more than a century ago, in 1826, Simon Bolivar, the Great Liberator, called a conference of nations which assembled in Panama. Although U. S. delegates arrived after the meeting adjourned, several Latin American representatives got together in time for a little friendly discussion.

By 1889 the first Pan-American conference met in Washington, D. C. It went so far as to establish a commercial bureau to foster trade relations between the American republics.

Covers Many Fields.

Since that meeting half a century ago seven Pan-American conferences have dealt with an increasing variety of subjects like commerce and finance; communications and transportations; intellectual and cultural relations; public health and social welfare; arbitration, conciliation, and codification of international law—to name a few

Most important was the Buenos Aires gathering in December, 1936, to consider ways of strengthening the peace machinery. Out of it grew the principle of joint responsibility for the maintenance of peace in the western hemisphere.

With these international conclaves of American governments has grown the Pan-American Union, as a permanent headquarters for inter-American affairs.

From its start as a commercial bureau it has broadened its activities to keep up with international developments until it now handles the agendas of the general Pan-American conferences and of some of the special gatherings.

For Peace Association.

Already the governing board of the union has drafted the program for the coming Peru conference, after consultation with the governments which will attend.

The program will cover economic questions, the political and civil rights of women, organization of peace, international law, intellectual cooperation and moral disarmament.

Also likely to attract attention is the proposal of the governments of Colombia and the Dominican republic for the creation of an association of American nations with increased power to preserve the peace of the western hemisphere.

One of the criticisms leveled at the conferences and at the Pan-American Union itself is the lack of enforcement weapons like the sanctations sanctions which can be invoked by the League of Nations.

The union of course is largely an administrative body without political functions or opinions. The conferences, on the other hand, have shown that they can settle disputes without the threat of force.

Injured Americans Quit Spanish War

PARIS, Sept. 14.—(UP)—Thirty American wounded volunteers who have been fighting in Spain arrived here today and 15 others are expected tomorrow. They were among 130 of various nationalities who crossed the border yesterday upon discharge from international brigades.

Among those due tomorrow are two nephews of Kathleen Norris, the novelist—James E. Benet and David Thompson.

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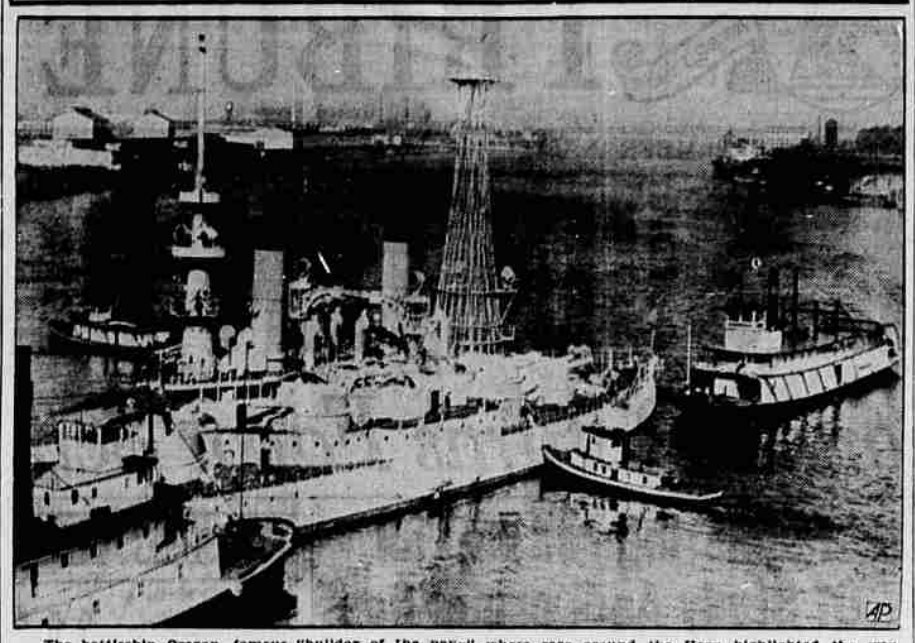

The battleship Oregon, famous "bulldog of the navy" whose race around the Horn highlighted the war with Spain, is shown as she was towed up the Willamette river at Portland, Ore., to a permanent shrine. The ship had been tied up at an obscure berth on the industrialist waterfront of the city. Delegates to the 40th national encampment of United Spanish war veterans watched the ceremony.—(AP Photo)

CLOVERHILL DAIRY GETS HIGH SCORE

The Charles A. Wing Cloverhill Registered Guernsey Dairy today was in possession of a score of 98½ out of a possible 100 from the American Guernsey Cattle club.

The dairy was inspected and scored yesterday by C. A. Smith of Portland, field representative of the national organization which keeps close tabs on all dairies marketing milk under its Golden Guernsey label. The scoring pertains to every vital phase of dairying, including cleanliness, general appearance, sanitation, handling and condition of the cows. It covers both equipment and methods. The official scoring is done four times a year, with other inspections between times, Mr. Smith explained.

"This is one of the finest dairies I have ever seen anywhere," Mr. Smith said. "It received the highest score I have ever given a dairy in Oregon."

MORE FEDERAL AID IN FIRE FIGHTING IS AIM

PORTLAND, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Congress probably will receive a recommendation that the federal government bear half the cost of fire protection for private forests, F. A. Silcox, chief of the U. S. forest service, predicted yesterday.

At present the government pays a quarter the cost.

Silcox, in the west to confer with private timber holders, said he would submit his findings to a congressional committee.

He said the forest service is anxious to get private timber on a perpetual-yield basis but admitted no means of doing it had been developed yet.

FIRE FIGHTING WORK TERMED PROFESSION

PENDLETON, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Fire fighting has become a profession and only trained men now have a place in the work, Jay W. Stevens, state fire marshal of California, told more than 200 delegates to the Oregon Fire Chiefs' association convention here yesterday.

The conclave closed Tuesday night.

HAM AND EGG PENSION PLAN PROBE IS ASKED BY NEWS PUBLISHERS

WOODLAND, Calif., Sept. 14.—(UP) Newspaper publishers of the Sacramento valley last night recommended that an immediate investigation of the "origin and promotion" of the "$30 every Thursday" pension plan be made by state fiscal authorities.

Meeting here, the publishers, members of the Valley Newspaper Alliance, passed a resolution which said in part:

"That the state tax and revenue or some other properly constituted state authority immediately investigate the origin and promotion of the pension plan and estimate the consequences if such a measure becomes a law."

The resolution was sponsored by Paul Leake, publisher of the Woodland Democrat.

Individual publishers at the meeting expressed criticism of the initiative measure which will appear on the November ballot.

CENTRAL PT. TO VOTE ON WATER PROJECT

CENTRAL POINT, Sept. 14.—(Spl.)—Eligible voters of Central Point will go to the polls Saturday, September 17, in a special election to determine whether the city shall issue $29,500 in bonds for the purpose of rebuilding all water mains, and whether the city shall issue $18,000 in bonds to lay connecting mains to Medford for the purpose of bringing Medford water to the district. Voters will ballot on the two questions separately.

Collects Four-Leaf Clovers.

BLOOMINGDALE, N. Y.—(UP)—Nine four-leaf clovers and two five-leaf clovers were found in a clump of grass by Frederick C. Lawrence, 7-year-old son of Bloomingdale clergyman. The clovers were growing in front of the Lawrence residence here.

PLAN NO INQUEST IN CRASH DEATH

No inquest will be called in the death of Miss Edna Jones, of San Jose, Calif., night supervisor of the county hospital there, killed in an auto-logging truck collision on the Crater Lake highway near Prospect Monday, Deputy District Attorney George W. Neilson reported today. The official said this was in accordance with the wishes of relatives.

Miss Mary Burke, also of San Jose, Calif., and vacation trip companion of Miss Jones, seriously injured, was reported today by the hospital as improving.

The accident occurred at a partially blind curve, on the highway near Mill Creek falls. Investigation showed Felix Bryson, 19, Klamath Falls, logging truck driver, was blameless, Sheriff Syd I. Brown said. The sheriff said tire marks on the pavement showed the auto had "drifted" to the wrong side of the road, and crashed into the truck.

CALIFORNIAN GETS VALANDRA HOTEL

CENTRAL POINT, Sept. 14.—(Spl.)—A real estate transaction involving the trade of the Hotel Valandra here by Mrs. Valentine Chomel for a five-acre grapefruit orchard and a store building in Fontana, Cal., to R. Rossi was announced recently. Mr. Rossi, new owner of the Hotel Valandra, has taken possession, and will be joined by Mrs. Rossi later. Mrs. Chomel will leave for Fontana following a short visit with relatives in Willow Springs.

The Hotel Valandra consists of the main building, five small cottages and two large ones, private garages and a trailer camp. It is located at the intersection of Main street and the Pacific highway, and is considered one of the finest camps in the state. It was constructed by Mrs. Chomel's husband, Andre, who died in 1936.

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JAPANESE SMASH NEARER HANKOW ON BLOODY PATH

Imperial Navy Clears Way With Bombs for Possible Drive On Canton by Seizure Waichow Island

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SHANGHAI, Sept. 14.—(UP)—Japanese columns today smashed nearer to the northern approaches to China's provisional national capital in Hankow. Meanwhile, in south Chino the imperial navy cleared the way for a possible drive on Canton by seizing Waichow island, which Japan has designated as the southern end of her sphere of control in this sprawling country.

Close in On Chinese

On the north bank of the Yangtse river southeast of Hankow Lieut. Gen. Prince Higashi Kuni's "imperial column" closed in on Shangcheng amid a welter of bombs and blood which threatened to destroy some of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's finest divisions, including his German-trained 88th.

Farther north four Japanese columns driving toward the Peiping-Hankow railway were closing in on Siping, Linying, and Hauchang stations.

Jap Plane Hauls U. S. Tars

In Shanghai, 12 U. S. navy sailors finally proceeded to the Japanese military airport to board a Japanese plane which will fly them to Kiukiang where they will serve as replacements in the crew of the U. S. gunboat Monocacy. The Monocack has been isolated in the middle Yangtze river war zone for more than a fortnight.

The unprecedented action of Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, commander of the U. S. Asiatic fleet, in embarking American sailors in transport planes of a belligerent power followed a long dispute between Americans and Japanese regarding navigation on the Yangtse.

The Japanese declared a blockade of the stream between Wuhu and Kiukiang and refused to permit the Monocacy, which was standing off Kiukiang to protect American interests, to move because of danger from floating Chinese mines. When the Americans protested, the Japanese agreed to fly in the Monocacy's mail, replacements for her crew, and to furnish her with supplies.

In north China Chinese guerrillas exploded a mine under a southbound Paiping-Hankow railway passenger train between Paoting-Fu and Kaopieteh stations. It was reported many Japanese were killed or injured.

New Health Plan Favored By Union

SEATTLE, Sept. 14.—(UP)—A convention resolution passed by the Committee for Industrial Organization-affiliated International Woodworkers of America union yesterday decried the present system of private hospitalization and medical-dental care prescribed by the American Medical association.

As an alternative, the union recommended immediate inception of the health program advanced by the Roosevelt health and welfare coordinating committee during the national health conference in Washington, D. C., recently.

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