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LEAGUE TOTTERS; DIPLOMATS STILL HOPE FOR PEACE

Dr. Stresemann in Interview
Indicates Germans will
Stand Pat on Matter

ABANDON MEETING

Frenchman Advises There is
Yet Chance Negotiations
Will End in Success

GENEVA, March 12.—(AP)—The allied representatives abandoned at the last moment their plan to hold another meeting with Foreign Minister Stresemann this afternoon, and reverted to their original intention to submit the tangled question of re-constitution of the league council to the members of that body itself.

GENEVA, March 13.—(AP)—"Don't lose hope," said one Frenchman today in discussing the events in Geneva which threaten to destroy the whole fabric of European conciliation and imperil the future of the league of nations.

That a rupture of the negotiations with the Germans on the council membership on the question is not Premier Briand's announcement that yet a certainty was evidenced by he and his allied friends were "going to have another cup of tea" with the German statesmen this afternoon.

PARIS, March 13.—(AP)—French opinion refuses to believe the Geneva situation altogether hopeless. It feels that Premier Briand's diplomatic powers, stimulated by the danger of seeing his master work started at Locarno, destroyed, in the end will find a compromise.

GENEVA, March 13.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Stresemann of Germany today summarized for the Associated Press the situation in Geneva, viewed from the German standpoint.

"During the conversation with the powers," Minister Stresemann said, "we were told it was desirable that before being admitted to the league we should agree to three new permanent seats on the council besides the one intended for us. The German delegation has not seen its way to agree to such a proposal, because we see therein a serious breach of Germany's duties as the future member of the league and council."

WHEAT PRICE JUMPS UPWARD

Export demand causes boost
in Quotations on Stock
Markets

CHICAGO, March 13.—(AP)—With the critical period of wheat growth in the United States coming nearer and with export demand for shipments from North America widening out, the wheat market here has suddenly turned upward this week. Compared with a week ago, wheat values this morning were 2-3-4 to be a bushel higher.

Reversal of the downward trend which of late has been pulling the wheat market down began with a brisk purchasing movement. Scarcity of domestic receipts of wheat together with further shrinkage of the meagre stock in Chicago, gave impetus to the new buying movement which set in. Besides, export purchasing of North American wheat was at the rate of 1,000,000 bushels a day as the week drew to a close. At present, the general outlook for the new crop is decidedly favorable, according to advices, although wheat in some sections east of the Mississippi is reported as in doubtful condition.

BOY MISSING
SALEM, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Starker, route 9, out of Salem, has reported to Sheriff Bower that their 16-year-old son, John Arthur Starker, high school student, disappeared from their home March 9.

The annual output of the forest tree nurseries operated by the state of Pennsylvania has reached nearly 10,000,000 young trees.

Mellon Called "Distiller" Prohibition Called Success

Tennessee Senator Says
Liquor Interests now Con-
trol Nation's LawsHints Official Violated Vol-
stead Act in Selling
\$18,000,000 Stock

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—Prohibition is a success, despite flagrant violation of the law by the "moneyed aristocracy" and its administration by the biggest distillery in the republic, Senator McKellar, democrat of Tennessee, declared today in the senate. Secretary Mellon said he was disqualified to head the treasury by his large interests in the distillery business and although he has transferred his liquor holdings to a trustee it is difficult for a shoemaker to change his last.

"Isn't it a marvelous thing," he observed, "that the temperance people of this country should work for fifty years to have prohibition laws passed, and after winning their fight, these laws should be turned over to one of the largest distillers in America, to one more interested in intoxicating liquors than perhaps any other man in the republic." Declaring that he had seen in the newspapers that Secretary Mellon had sold \$18,000,000 worth of his liquor, Senator McKellar said he "hoped that was all but how he sold these liquors without violating the law himself, I do not know."

He regretted that Secretary Mellon had turned down the recommendations of Assistant Secretary Andrews, whom he termed as a "man trying diligently to enforce the liquor laws."

"The so-called better class of people, the moneyed aristocracy," he asserted, "is responsible for the flagrant violation of the law and the teaching of disrespect for the laws of the land. Not only do we find men of this class violating the law, but women also. They give parties and serve cocktails or highballs from liquor bought from bootleggers."

He told of a hostess who complained that she had to serve liquor or the "best people" would not come to her house.

"What a travesty, what a misguided view this is of real life, that in order to rise in the social scale, one must become a law violator and a constitutional derider."

"Notwithstanding a stormy career," he concluded, "prohibition is a success; there is less drinking than ever before, the sentiment of the country is behind it and there is not one chance in a thousand of the prohibition amendment being repealed."

Los Angeles Oil Men Here

Brothers Seek Location
In Klamath Basin

John and William Lynch of Los Angeles are in Klamath Falls for the first time, visiting a boyhood friend, J. E. Loran, local geologist.

Their trip here follows a meeting at a Montana picnic, held in Los Angeles nearly a month ago, at which Loran renewed acquaintanceship with the two and informed them of possibilities in the Klamath country.

The brothers have disposed of two Los Angeles apartment houses and of refinery and oil interests in the southern city and intend to make investments in Klamath real estate.

Engineer Dies In Derailment

HIGHLAND, Ill., March 13.—(AP)—Charles Hackett of Terre Haute, Ind., a local engineer was killed and four trainmen were injured, when Pennsylvania train number 13, fast mail and express train from New York to St. Louis was derailed early today near Pierron, Ill.

Made of paper, a new dust pan has a handle through which its contents can be emptied without slipping as through a funnel.

Overwhelming Vote Cast By Wet Believers

(Special to The Herald)
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March 13.—Totals in the NEA Service national prohibition poll tabulated at noon today, revealed an overwhelming sentiment in favor of modification of the present liquor laws.
A total of 753,649 votes have been cast to date, according to reports from member newspapers. Of these, 131,229 favored strict enforcement of the dry laws, 231,626 favored repeal and 390,794 favored modification.
Oregon totals were a surprise to the tabulators who expected an overwhelming dry vote from this section. In this state 1318 votes were cast for enforcement, 1312 for repeal and 8198 for modification.
The returns are still coming in. A fuller count will be given tomorrow.

D'AUTREMONT TIP PROVES BLOOMER

Train Bandit Reported to be
Prowling Near Abandoned
Oil Well

MEDFORD, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—Police here yesterday received an unidentified telephone call that one of the D'Autremont boys, wanted in connection with a train hold-up near here several years ago, was prowling about an abandoned oil well near Phoenix, but investigation failed to locate the suspect.

Wiest To Confer On Tax Problems

Will Hold Consultation
Monday With Gore
In Medford

W. A. Wiest, local attorney chosen to represent Klamath county in the O. C. grant land hearing, will leave Monday for a conference with W. H. Gore in Medford.

Success of Klamath county in obtaining the minimum sum asked will result in a payment of \$135,000 from the federal government, Wiest said.

About two weeks will be required for compiling information relative to the case, Senator Stanfield has advised that once the counties have compiled their information and prepared a statement, a government hearing will take place immediately to clean up the matter.

ATTORNEY DIES
PORTLAND, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—William A. Johnson, 44, an attorney well known throughout the state, died here today after an illness of a year.

Fans Enthusiastic As First Baseball Meeting Goes Over With A Bang; Big Year Seen

With Lee Crawford selected to bear the grief of being secretary and treasurer for the coming year, baseball fans at a meeting last night got off to a flying start with plans for the coming year.

Directors were picked for the year as follows: Bert Cook, Fred Glover, Otto Lorenz, Lee Crawford and Austin Hayden.

Ivan A. Smith and Austin Hayden were combing the highways and byways today in search of financial support for the team, with a report to be turned in later.

Cap Catkins and Bert Cook were appointed a committee to hunt up jobs for ball players with ability who might be induced to spend the summer here.

New material will predominate on

WORLD'S RECORD FOR HIGH FLIGHT BELIEVED BROKEN

Aviator Encounters Temper-
ature of 72 below zero
Eight Miles Above

COLD IS UNNOTICED

Regular Supply of Oxygen
Gas Exhausted; Plane
Reaches its Limit

DAYTON, Ohio, March 13.—(AP)—Bellet that Lieutenant John A. MacReady, Cook field, has established a world altitude record in a flight over the post this morning was held by officials following his landing at 12:43 o'clock. The instruments on his plane indicated an altitude of 39,000 feet.

On MacReady's flight January 15, the instruments on his plane indicated 36,000 feet. This was raised by calibration at the bureau of standards in Washington to 38,794 feet.

If the same ratio holds true, his flight today would be a record. A temperature of 78 degrees below zero was encountered by MacReady at the highest point—eight miles above the earth.

"But I did not suffer from cold," he said. "I believe I reached the absolute limit of the plane," he added. His regular supply of oxygen gas became exhausted before he reached the peak and he was forced to call on his reserve supply.

DAYTON, Ohio, March 13.—(AP)—Lieutenant John A. MacReady took off from McCook field at 10:47 a. m. today in an attempt to set a world altitude record of 40,000 feet or higher.

He took the air after repairing ignition trouble encountered in an attempt begun at 9:35 a. m. in which he was forced to land after being in the air ten minutes.

PLAN FORMATION AUTO TAX BODY

Local Auto Dealers Expected
to Cooperate on Plan
for Legislation

Following a meeting held here yesterday attended by approximately 80 people, at which speakers called attention to discriminatory automobile laws, plans were under way here today toward the formation of a permanent body to handle the matter. A committee was scheduled to begin work today. Further announcement will be made next week.

EXPECT FISH JAM
PORTLAND, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—All available deputy sheriffs will be detailed to handle traffic in the vicinity of Troutdale Sunday when thousands of Portlanders are expected to go on the smelt fishing expedition to the Sandy river. The run was heavy today, it was reported.

"Perfect Crime" Solved; Wife-Killer Tells Story

Slip Fatal To
Rail Workman
At Grass Lake

(Special to The Herald)

YREKA, Calif., March 13.—Thomas Carter, repairman employed by the Southern Pacific, was instantly killed Friday afternoon when he fell from a freight train at Grass Lake.

He fell beneath the wheels and was killed instantly. Carter lived at Weed with his family and was called by the company to do some special work in connection with the cutoff now under construction. As far as can be ascertained, there were no witnesses to the accident. Fellow employees are at a loss to understand what happened as Carter had been a repairman for years and was accustomed to riding both freight and passenger trains. Coroner Felix J. Kunz, who investigated said in his opinion no inquest was required.

H. A. Sprague, S. P. trainmaster, left Klamath Falls today to make an investigation of the accident.

DESPONDENT MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

Lumber worker, out of Em-
ployment and Estranged
from Family Kills Self

(Special to The Herald)
YREKA, Calif., March 13.—Despondent because of ill health, Constantino Anaretti, 54, lumber worker, committed suicide by hanging himself with a clothesline at Jerome yesterday.

Anaretti, who was estranged from his family, had been out of work for some time.

He had formerly been employed by the Skikyon Lumber company of Dorris. He has resided in that section about one year.

Campfire Girls Feed President

WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—A delegation of campfire girls, celebrating the 14th birthday of the organization, yesterday presented President Coolidge a batch of cookies and Mrs. Coolidge a symbolically embroidered ceremonial robe and headband.

Mrs. Coolidge is honorary chairman of the national advisory committee, and is known on campfire rolls as "Alkahye," signifying the first lady of the land.

The robe presented to her was made by New York members of the organization and the headband by campfire girls in Omaha. A bag for the robe was the gift of girls from Kansas City.

VAST THROG HEARS STARS

NEW YORK, March 13.—(AP)—An immense audience had an opportunity of gratifying its curiosity regarding the new American opera stars Marion Talley, Mary Lewis and Lucresia Bori took the three principal women's parts in the special performance of Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffman," to day in the Metropolitan opera house. The performance was to provide scholarship funds for Roberts college, of Constantinople, the American University of Beirut and the Constantinople Women's college.

Miss Talley and Miss Lewis took their roles each for the first time.

Extensive peat deposits in Latvia will be utilized to supply fuel for an electric light and power station in the city of Libau.

Five-Hour Grilling Results
in Confession Three
Weeks after MurderSlew Spouse for Boasting
She was Better at Sell-
ing Game Than he

TOY, March 13, (AP)—Ohio's "perfect crime" has been solved, and today Jacob Nesbitt is in jail here awaiting trial for the murder of his pretty and accomplished wife, Frances, a former Ohio university swimming and tennis star.

Three weeks from the day Nesbitt reported finding the body of his wife in the bathtub of their home with her skull fractured, he was taken to the scene of the crime, and after a five hour grilling confessed he killed her after a quarrel over business affairs.

They both sold kitchen appliances and she twitted him because of her ability to sell more than he. "I slapped her when she said my folks were illiterate," he declared. "Then everything went red, and I do not remember what happened."

A pair of blue pajamas constituted the principal link in the chain of evidence forged around Nesbitt. These were missing from the home after the murder. Nesbitt asserted he did not know where they were.

Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Brown, however, friends of Nesbitt, who remained at the Nesbitt home the Wednesday evening preceding the crime, said Nesbitt had the pajamas on that night. Nesbitt asserted he did not wear them then.

This discrepancy aroused suspicion and led to the eventual conclusion that Nesbitt had destroyed the sleeping garments.

Washburn Buys Local Agency; Petersen Out

Former Sawmill Man
Acquires Olds-Franklin
Branch

Announcement was made today by C. H. Washburn that he had purchased the interest of H. D. Petersen in the Petersen Motor Car company at Seventh and Klamath, local Oldsmobile and Franklin dealers.

No striking changes in the management are planned, Washburn advised. Petersen stated that his plans for the future were indefinite.

Mr. Washburn is a former Louisiana lumberman. He was mill superintendent for W. W. Kerry Lumber company at New Orleans and for the Great Southern Lumber company at Bogalusa prior to coming here.

Since his arrival in Klamath he has worked for both the Ewanna and Shaw-Bertram lumber companies as sawyer. During the past year he has acted in the capacity of salesman for the Petersen Motor Car company.

Municipal Band Meeting Monday

Rehearsal Date Set by
Selak; Players In-
vited

Anyone who can play a musical instrument, or thinks he or she can, is asked to put in an appearance Monday night at 7:30 when Klamath Falls Municipal Band meets for rehearsal.

About fifteen players are now turning out regularly. The rehearsals are held each Monday evening at 7:30 in the Legion Memorial hall. F. A. Selak is director.

OFFICE ROBBERY
LA GRANDE, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—The O. W. R. & N. company ticket office here was entered last night and \$3 taken from the till. The robbers failed to molest the safe, which has \$300 cash among its contents.

For workers among gases a safety mask has been invented that protects their ears as well as their noses, eyes and mouths.

JAPAN WRATHY AS CHINESE TAKE SHOTS AT BOATS

Officials Busy Today; De-
mand Guarantee Incident
Will not be Repeated

PUBLIC IS AROUSED

Apology by Chinese Con-
sidered by Japanese as
Very Confusing

TOKYO, March 13, (AP)—The attack of Chinese forts yesterday on two Japanese destroyers which had attempted to enter the Pei river at Taku Bar yesterday is considered by the foreign office to have created a serious situation.

Foreign Minister Seldelara and navy minister Takamabe were consulted today and some decision by the cabinet is expected probably Monday. The foreign office stated that the government "expects to consider the incident calmly and unexcitedly and does not expect to retaliate but will demand absolute assurance that there will be no recurrence in the future."

It was said that the principal fears concerned the anger of the Japanese public.

Official foreign office dispatches states that the destroyers Fujii, Susuki and Hagii were proceeding from Port Arthur yesterday. The Hagii anchored in the bay near Taku, the other vessels proceeding up the river toward Tientsin when the Chinese nationalists on the river bank near Taku bombarded the destroyers, wounding Flotilla commander Kemada, paymaster Captain Tauti and Warrant Officer Hattori, all on board the Fujii.

The destroyers returned the fire but made no attempt to hit the Chinese.

The dispatches declared that the Chinese previously had been notified by the Japanese consul that the destroyers were proceeding to Tientsin, also that the warships were flying the Japanese signal flags and otherwise were identifiable.

Consequently the Chinese apology and explanation that the entire affair was a misunderstanding is considered surprising and confusing.

The Japanese government is awaiting suggestions at the allied consular meeting at Tientsin.

VESSEL ABLAZE; 30 MEN ABOARD

Baltimore Fire Boat Sent to
Rescue; Ship's Flags In-
dicate Control Lost

BALTIMORE, Md., March 13.—(AP)—The British steamer Tansa, lumber laden from Cuba for Baltimore, was reported on fire near Sandy Point, twelve miles below Baltimore this morning. Two local fire boats were sent to her assistance and residents along shore in that vicinity telephoned that they were alongside the Tansa about nine o'clock. Smoke was pouring from the ship they said.

The marine observer at North Point reported the Tansa passing up the lower harbor at 9:30 a. m. She was flying two black balls indicating that the craft was not under control. A tug was alongside but the observer said he could see no signs of fire aboard.

The fire boats were sent in response to a wireless message to the Baltimore fire department from the steamer Mystic, outward bound for Savannah and Los Angeles, and it was at first reported as having passed Cove Point which is about seventy miles from Baltimore. The Tansa carries a crew of 30 men.

SHOALS PLAN OK
WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—The senate today accepted the house modifications to the Muscle Shoals resolution without a record vote.

PINCHOT TO RUN
HARRISBURG, Pa., March 13.—(AP)—Governor Pinchot today announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for the United States senate in the Pennsylvania this spring.