

NEWS IN BRIEF

Character Close-Ups

OUTSTANDING EARS WITH PLENTY OF SKULL ABOVE THEM SHOW THAT THIS YOUNGSTER HAS AN EAR FOR MUSIC AND QUITE LIKELY TALENT AS WELL.



Making Reservations—

Reservations are being made for the state banquet which will be held at the Methodist church on Friday, January 23, at 6:30. Everyone who wishes to attend is urged to make reservation at once for a state table.

Chosen Representative—

Mrs. Marie Davenport has been chosen the local representative of the Chas. Corset company.

Road Reports—

According to information received at the local office of the State Highway Department, all the state highways in this vicinity are open, but drivers are cautioned to use chains, and to drive slowly. Chains are not needed on the Dalles-California highway until after leaving the Ft. Klamath Junction. On the Lakeview highway, chains are necessary after leaving Bonanza. The Weed-Klamath Falls highway is open once more, after having been blocked for a week or ten days.

Taken To Salem—

Matt McGee, a local bricklayer, who became mentally deranged several days ago, was taken to the State Insane Asylum at Salem today by two attendants sent on that mission. McGee had been housed in the county jail since he became violent on January 29.

Giving Party—

The Rebekah Lodge will give a card party this evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. During the evening tables of both "500" and bridge will be in play, and at the close of the playing refreshments will be served.

Pine Ridge Visitor—

Mrs. E. Gillespie, of Pine Ridge, has been visiting in Klamath Falls for several days.

Rupes in Kansas—

Word has been received by friends from Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rupe, stating they have arrived at Kansas City after a successful motor trip. Mrs. Rupe stated it is wonderful the way the highways are being kept open despite the severe storms which have been sweeping over the central states. They will know in a short time whether they will return to this city or will continue to New York to remain indefinitely. Mr. Rupe owns a plumbing and heating shop in this city.

Highway Slippery—

The Pacific highway north and south of Medford through the mountainous sections was reported today by L. C. Garlock, manager of the Medford branch of the Oregon State Motor association to be in a slippery condition, necessitating careful driving and the use of chains. There have been no serious accidents reported.—Medford Tribune.

Recuperating From Operation—

Miss Dorothy Stevens, who underwent a major operation at the Klamath Valley hospital last week, is greatly improved. She is able to receive visitors, and will be moved to her home on Pacific Terrace the latter part of the week.

Child Burned—

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schuppel fell from a table in his home yesterday and burned his face badly on the furnace register. Although the child suffered serious burns, it is not believed that the injury will leave a scar, according to the attending physician.

Resting Comfortably—

Fred Starr of Macdoel, Calif. deputy game warden, was reported as resting comfortably at the Hillside hospital last night after submitting to a minor operation. He will be confined to the hospital for several days, it was stated.

Party Friday—

A card party sponsored by the auxiliary of the Eagle lodge will be held in the basement of the Oriental ball room Friday afternoon at 1:30. Reservations may be made for tables. This is the sixth of a series of card parties being held by the auxiliary.

Sponsor Card Party—

The Past Noble Grand club of the Rebekah lodge is sponsoring a bridge and five hundred party to be held at the I. O. O. F. hall this evening. The affair is open to the public and reservations may be made for tables.

Mitchell Home—

O. K. Mitchell, city patrolman, who has been confined to the Hillside hospital for several days with a severe cold has sufficiently recovered to be able to return to his home.

Resumes Duties—

Miss Ina Kidwell, who has charge of the office and laboratory work at the Hillside hospital is again able to attend to her duties, after a week's illness.

Meeting Friday—

The Harmony Circle of the First Christian church will hold a meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. H. Dunbar 420 Jefferson.

Parents Of Son—

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Martin son of 2308 Orchard avenue are the parents of a nine-pound baby son, born at the Hillside hospital, Wednesday morning.

Highway Section To Be Improved

Motorists who have occasion to make the trip to San Francisco and other southern points will be heartened upon learning that a contract has been awarded for grading and surfacing the Pacific highway from a point two miles north of Yreka, northward for seven miles.

The contract was granted to Wren and Greenough of Portland. According to reports from the California state highway office at Sacramento, the highway is to proceed over a new alignment, replacing the former crooked road by skirting the top of Shasta canyon and crossing the intervening divides.

It will be graded to a width of 30 feet and surfaced with crushed gravel to a width of 20 feet. The northerly end of this project will connect with the recently constructed portion of the Pacific highway between the Klamath river and the Oregon line.

This seven-mile section has been the worst part of the whole Pacific highway, since its completion, being narrow, crooked and often blocked by landslides.

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Today's Markets

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23. (A. P.)—Egg and butter prices were unchanged. However, egg quotations were reported firmer in view of lighter receipts.

In millstuffs, whole, cracked and ground corn declined \$3 a ton, according to price list of the Sperry Flour company.

Reviewing the fruit and vegetable situation, the Portland bureau of the United States department of agriculture says:

"Storage holdings of locally-grown produce are about exhausted, with the exception of carrots and limited supplies of cabbage. Cauliflower and turnips, which have been available until this week, are no longer on the market. Grapefruit arrivals are confined to Texas and Imperial valley stock; Florida grapefruit arrivals this season having been confined to 2 or 3 carloads last month.

"Limited potato loadings from all northwestern districts this week, with resultant active demand from California points, have results in much lighter truck supplies at Portland. The Portland market has shown virtually no price changes this month, although alternating stronger and weaker undertones have existed.

"With storage stocks of onions declining, and no new arrivals in immediate prospect, jobbers' prices advance again slightly with a few sales as high as \$2.25 per cwt., delivered to retailers.

"Shipments of green peas from the west coast of Mexico are heavier than last winter; consequently shippers are lowering their prices a bit, to encourage more active consumption.

"Wholesalers specializing in supplying country points by motor-truck deliveries are finding their volume of business materially curtailed, on account of impassable condition of many highways."

Quotations.

CATTLE AND CALVES: falkling around steady. Receipts, cattle 100, calves 10.

HOGS: Fully steady. Receipts 1650, including 1440 direct.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: Quotably steady. Receipts 100.

EGGS: Firmer. Unchanged. Butter, milk (butterfat), poultry, country meats, onions, potatoes, wool, nuts, hay, cascara bark and hops, steady and unchanged.

CANE SUGAR (sacked basis): Steady. Cane, fruit or berry, \$5.45 per cwt.; beet sugar, \$5.30 cwt.

FLOUR (city delivery prices): Steady. Family patents, 49s, 55s; whole wheat, 49s, 57.10; graham, 49s, 56.30; bakers' hard wheat, 49s, 57.50; bakers' bluestem patents, 55s, 57.30; pastry flour, 49s, 57.50.

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Naval Race in Pacific May Hinge on Japan's Stand at London Conference

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the third of a series of four interpretative articles on the naval disarmament conference, opening at London on January 21, by Milton Bronner, European manager for NEA Service. Today Bronner discusses Japan; in his next article, he will discuss the French and Italian positions.

BY MILTON BRONNER NEA Service Writer

LONDON, Jan. 23.—One of the great riddles of the five-power naval conference is whether Japan is bluffing, trading, or is deadly earnest when she says that she demands and must have 70 per cent of the amount of big cruisers, submarines and other auxiliary vessels that the United States navy is to have.

When the naval conference was first broached, it was calmly assumed in London and in Washington that the ratios for battleships and battle cruisers adopted by the Washington conference in 1922 would be maintained, viz.—five for the U. S. and Great Britain and three for Japan. That gave Japan 60 per cent of our strength in capital ships. But it soon became known that Japan would ask the new ratio.

At Washington some years ago, Japan accepted the 60 per cent ratio. But she got her compensation in article 19 of the treaty, under which the United States, Great Britain and Japan agreed that the status quo at the time of the signing of the treaty with regard to fortifica-

tions and naval bases should be maintained. The U. S. had laid plans for the development of a naval base of some proportions in the island of Guam and for an immense and impregnable naval base in the Philippines. Under the treaty we dropped those plans.

Britain's anxiety about an increased cruiser and submarine strength in the Pacific comes from the reflex from Australia and New Zealand. Those great British self-governing dominions have always looked upon Japan as a possible menace to their safety and independence.

In their own minds the Japanese have a perfectly logical answer. They say they agreed to the 5-5-3 figure on capital ships because the stoppage of great naval bases in the Pacific waters ensured them from attack. Big 35,000-ton capital ships could not readily be docked anywhere after they left America's great naval base at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands. But they say the development of the powerful 10,000-ton cruisers puts a different complexion on things. These comparatively light vessels can be docked and overhauled in many harbors now existent. They thus constitute a menace to Japan, if she were fighting a purely defensive war, because these new cruisers have a long steaming range and could go clear across the Pacific from well-defended American harbors.

As regards England they point to the great naval base that has

been started at Singapore in Malaya and which they say can only be aimed at Japan. They acknowledge the Labor government has slowed down the work on this base, but also realize it can be started at any time.

It is precisely by squinting at this harbor business, however, that the Japanese bring up a matter that may be used as a club against them. The American and British delegates may say to them that if they wish to rearrange the ratios agreed upon at Washington, they thereby throw everything into the melting pot, including the question as to whether the United States shall now proceed to fortify Guam and Manila Harbor and whether England shall proceed with Singapore.

The Americans and the British would be loathe to do this, as it might throw open the way to the very thing they wish to prevent—a race in armaments in the Pacific.

But even if the Japanese yield in the matter of ratios, there seems at this time small chance of their agreeing to do away with submarines. They are likely to be as adamant on this subject as the French. The steady argument of the Japanese for the past 15 years has been that, though they are not a rich nation and want to do all they can to help in the general cause of naval disarmament, yet they must maintain at any cost a navy capable of defending Japan from attack by sea. Japanese statesmen have asseverated over

and over again that their attitude at the Washington conference showed that they had no offensive wars in mind.

Nation's Food Japan must be capable of making the China and Yellow seas real Japanese lakes, invaluable to attack. Japan gets a large amount of her food and raw material supplies from the Asiatic mainland. These include rice and soy beans, coal and iron ore. She cannot afford to have her communications cut with Korea, Manchuria and China. If this catastrophe happened, she would starve to death. To prevent this in case of hostilities, she must be able quickly to mine the waters that surround her and, further, have, as a threat to hostile fleets, an adequate force of cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

In the latter class 78,000 tons have been estimated as her absolute minimum. Japan at present has four 10,000-ton cruisers in active service and four more building. If the U. S. came to an agreement with Great Britain, whereby we would have 18 of that class, Japan would want four more; if the figure is 21, Japan would want six more or 14. As the British only propose to have 15 of that class if a naval agreement is reached, this would mean that Japan would have practically as many in her own waters as Britain would have scattered all over the world. Moreover, the Japanese already have four powerful 7100-ton cruisers, which are also armed with 8-inch guns, as is the rule with the 10,000-ton cruisers.

Tomorrow: The attitude of the French and the British.

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