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By FRANK JENKINS

RUSSIA warns Japan not to cut the Chinese Eastern railroad, intimating that if the railroad is cut trouble may ensue.

The Far East situation is looking a little better.

BACK in 1914, when Germany wanted to go to war, she did little talking, but invaded Belgium with as little loss of time as possible. If Russia and China and Japan keep on talking, it will be a pretty fair sign that war isn't really wanted.

A NEW BRIDGE, just opened to traffic, connects New York and New Jersey. It is a third of a mile long, and cost sixteen million dollars.

In the past, ferry boats were good enough, but ARE NOT good enough for this generation, which is in a hurry and can't wait for ferry boats.

FOR a little more than three-quarters of a century, San Francisco has been an important city, and during this three-quarters of a century ferry boats have been good enough for crossing San Francisco bay.

But not much longer. The present generation, on this coast as on the Atlantic coast, is in a hurry, and soon San Francisco bay will be spanned by bridges.

HUGE bridges cost money, of course. ALL the modern improvements that make the life of today different—and BETTER, in our opinion—than the life of yesterday cost money.

But progress consists pretty largely in getting tired of the old things and the old ways and wanting new things and new ways, even if they DO cost money. That always has been the case, and probably it always will be.

THE crown prince of Italy, we read, takes personal charge of police called out in Naples to rescue 100 school children trapped in a collapsed building.

The papers don't tell us what he did after taking charge. They don't need to. The thing that makes the story interesting is that it was a PRINCE that did it.

Royalty is still a good drawing card for public interest—which is about all royalty is good for.

THE Eastern Oregon Wheat League, meeting at The Dalles, votes its unanimous disapproval of any action looking to repeal of the farm marketing act.

That is wise. The farm marketing act, which is administered by the farm board, hasn't done much YET to help farmers, but it would be unwise to throw it overboard.

It has cost too much to be thrown away without a thorough trial under conditions more favorable than those of the past few years.

THE Oregon turkey pool, we read, has been sold through the Northwest Turkey Growers association at 32 cents for top grade, f. o. b. San Francisco. This is an advance of at least two cents.

Governor Meier Is Welcomed Back To Capital; Writes Out Check For Relief Donation

SALEM, Nov. 16. (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier, after an absence of 12 weeks, returned to the executive offices at the Capitol at 10:35 this morning. The governor, who had been absent because of illness, looked fine and said he was feeling fit with the exception of a sore foot, the result of gout.

The governor's office was literally banked with flowers to welcome his return. He was greeted by dozens of friends, state officials and laymen when he arrived, and the lobby was filled with parties waiting to see the governor on his first day's return here. It is expected he will remain in his office but a few hours. Mrs. Meier accompanied him here.

LEAGUE TAKES UP STUDY OF SINO-JAP ROW

Monday Is Date Set for Evacuation by Japs; Private Talk On.

Further Rumors of Coming Conflicts Heard From Manchuria.

By F. L. LIPSEY, JR. PARIS, Nov. 16. (AP)—The council of the League of Nations deliberated for twenty minutes over the Manchurian conflict late today, the date set for Japanese evacuation in Manchuria, and adjourned to carry on its work of arbitration in private negotiations.

Chairman Aristide Briand reviewed the council's efforts to restore peace during the last six weeks and said that the delegates could best determine their course in private conversations.

Foreign Minister Sir John Simon of Great Britain said he would lend his full cooperation to "uphold the moral authority of the league."

Charles G. Dawes will take a seat in the council if the Kellogg pact is again invoked in consideration of the Manchurian dispute.

Dawes May Sit In PARIS, Nov. 16. (AP)—Aristide Briand told the League of Nations council, in private session this afternoon that U. S. Ambassador Charles G. Dawes will take a seat in the council if the Kellogg pact is again invoked in consideration of the Manchurian dispute.

Not Fighting Ahead (Copyright, 1931, by The Associated Press)

TIENSHIN, China, Nov. 16. (AP)—Chinese circles here today feared that hostilities on the biggest scale since the Manchurian dispute started would result from General Ma Chuan-Shan's third rejection of a Japanese ultimatum demanding withdrawal of his troops to a point north of the Chinese Eastern railway.

Yesterday morning General Ma received a new communication from General Honjo, the Japanese commander, presenting (Continued on Page Three)

FOUR-L JOINED BY LOCAL COMPANIES

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 16. (AP)—Addition of ten lumber companies to the ranks of the 4-L organization was announced here today at the semi-annual meeting of the 4-L board of directors.

The expansion will add 5,160 employees to the organization. Directors of the 4-L said the increased membership will do much toward stabilizing wages for which the 4-L has long worked, and it is hoped a firming of lumber prices will result.

The companies added include Portland Forestry, Inc., Lewiston, Idaho; Crater Lake Lumber Co., Sprague River, Ore.; Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., Klamath Falls, Ore.; Long-Bell Lumber Co., Weed, Calif.; Ewauna Box Co., Klamath Falls; Lamm Lumber Co., Modoc Point, Calif.; McCord River Lumber Co., McCord River, Calif.; Algoma Lumber Co., Klamath Falls; Mountain Lumber Co., Tacoma, and Klamath Lumber and Box Co., Klamath Falls.

Wins Rail Post



Frederick E. Williamson, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, who is to become president of the New York Central, Williamson was a visitor here last week with the Golden Spike Special of the Great Northern.

COUNTY ASKED FOR ASSESSMENT FUND

\$5000 for Re-valuing All Klamath Property Is Proposed.

Committees from the Pomona Grange and from the Klamath Taxpayers' Protective League appeared before the county budget committee in session in the county court house Monday, asking for an appropriation for re-valuation and re-classification of all property in the county.

Earl Mack, speaking for the grange committee requested that the budget committee include \$5000 in the budget for this purpose.

League Endorses Request A. G. Morrison, president of the Taxpayers' Protective League, stated that the league endorses the request of the grange.

Mack said that the opinion is current in the farming districts that the basis of assessed valuations are not fair to all classes of property. He told of the grange committee calling on the state tax commission in Salem.

The commission agreed to supervise the work and thought that \$5000 in the 1932 budget and possibly a like amount in 1933 would cover the cost.

Mack requested that the work be authorized and money provided and that after the reassessment that the figures be placed on the Klamath county tax rolls.

Supports Request In Mack's opinion such a re-valuation would eliminate many tax valuation squabbles as experts in each individual line do the assessing.

County Commissioner Charles Williams and County Judge Fred R. Goddard explained that the commission started re-evaluating some property in Klamath Falls a year ago.

Mack said that property in Harney county was reassessed this year and property was placed on the tax rolls at 70 per cent of actual value.

Prediction that public service companies will request an eight per cent cut in valuations in (Continued on Page Three)

More Ducks Than In Years, Report Tells Senators

Councilman James H. Driscoll today received a request from Carl D. Shoemaker, room 307 senate office building, Washington, D. C., for information regarding the number of water fowl in this section this year.

Shoemaker said that Senator Wolcott and his committee are greatly interested in the situation.

Driscoll wired Shoemaker as follows: "I was down to the Liskey ranch last Tuesday. There are more ducks and geese than I have seen in years. Upper Klamath lake covered with ducks. Wherever there is overflowed land have found large number of ducks. Birds here may be due to fact water is scarce outside."

Rowena Curves To Be Made Wider THE DALLES, Ore., Nov. 16. (AP)—Twenty-five local men started work today on the highway program calling for widening Rowena curves on the Columbia highway. It is part of the program of state unemployment relief.

FEDERAL TAX INCREASE IS HELD CERTAIN

G. O. P. Leaders Agree to Sponsor Gains in Congress.

Watson Reverses Stand; Sales Tax Destiny Problematical.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. (AP)—An administration tax revision program is almost completed, and will be sent to congress with President Hoover's budget message on Dec. 9. Republican leaders agreed it would be pressed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. (AP)—Congressional republican leaders today agreed to sponsor tax increases at this session.

Senator Watson, the republican leader who has consistently opposed new taxes at this time, said today after a conference with President Hoover that boost is "inescapable."

At the same time Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee announced "there will have to be further taxation."

Watson's reversal was accepted on Capitol Hill as settling a republican program.

What form of new or increased rates will be recommended is uncertain pending further conferences between congressional leaders and President Hoover and Secretary Mellon.

While both Senators Watson and Smoot favor a sales tax, they agreed it was very problematical that congress would approve such a plan.

Increased rates on the larger incomes appear certain.

Senator Watson would not state the president's views on the tax problem, but the fact that he changed position after his White House visit was interpreted on Capitol Hill as a sure sign that the administration would recommend new taxation.

Watson believes that both income taxes and additional borrowing by the government will be necessary this year. The deficit last year was \$903,000,000.

COLT'S KICK FATAL TO CHILD OF FIVE

William Dean Walker, age five years, passed away last Saturday afternoon at a local hospital from the injury he received last Monday when he was kicked in the abdomen by a colt. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker who reside on the Groesbeck ranch in the Merrill district.

The child was playing in the yard where there were some calves and colts, when a pet colt in a playful mood kicked him. The accident made William slightly ill, but it was not believed that he had been injured until Saturday when his condition suddenly became critical.

He was rushed to the hospital and an operation was performed, when it was revealed that the child had received a ruptured intestine and peritonitis had set in. He passed away a short time later.

In addition to his parents, William is survived by five brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Presbyterian church in Merrill with Rev. Joseph S. Ewing officiating, and interment will follow in the Merrill L. O. O. F. cemetery, under the direction of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home.

C. of C. Secretaries Meet At The Dalles

THE DALLES, Nov. 16. (AP)—Secretaries of chambers of commerce in eastern Oregon and Washington will meet here Tuesday to outline a cooperative campaign designed to stimulate the scenic attractions and tourist travel east of the Cascades.

Holman To Visit Klamath on Friday

State Treasurer Rufus Holman is expected in Klamath Falls Friday, where he will be the guest of the Klamath Falls Rotary club at its weekly luncheon, and will be the speaker for the occasion.

When Air Giant Met One of Nature's Great Wonders



This remarkable photo of the giant air liner Akron was taken as the navy cruiser paid an unofficial visit to Niagara Falls, N. Y. Sightseers were given a chance to compare the unusual contrast of one of man's latest and greatest achievements and one of nature's oldest and greatest beauties, all in one view. This is the first picture ever made by a still camera of an airship over Niagara.

TWO MORE RELIEF CREWS GIVEN WORK

Average of \$135 Day Paid from State Fund for Klamath Highways.

Two more state highway road crews, consisting of 45 men, will be put to work by the governor's committee working in conjunction with the state. Four crews of 45 men each will work a week out of every year in rotation.

The addition of the crews was made necessary by the numerous calls for employment. There are over 400 registrations for employment in the office of the committee at the present time.

An average of about 50 persons a day visit the relief office in the county agent's office in the basement of the court house. Some \$135 a day is being paid out of the state fund of \$1,250,000 for relief in the form of employment on the highways in Klamath county.

Provisions will have to be made for the supplying of more food and clothing to the needy, a member of the governor's committee states.

There is a big call for odd jobs or part time employment here, the committee states, and cooperation and assistance of citizens is asked in relief.

The men now employed on the state highway jobs are widening the road between Pelican City and Modoc Point.

GOYARD AUTHORS FACE INDICTMENTS

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Nov. 16. (AP)—Theodore Dreiser and John Dos Passos, New York authors, Marie Pergand and seven others were indicted by a Bell county grand jury here today on charges of criminal syndicalism.

All of those indicted were with Dreiser's national committee for the defense of political prisoners during an investigation of coal field labor conditions in Harlan and Bell counties last week.

Commonwealth's attorney W. A. Brock, who serves in Bell and Harlan counties, said he would take immediate steps to return Dreiser and his companions for trial in Bell county.

Others named were Charles Rumford Walker; his wife, Adelaide Walker; Samuel Orritt; Cella Kuhn; George Maurer, representative of the International labor defense; M. P. Levy, a writer and A. Gohar. The latter name apparently was listed incorrectly as the other member of the group was A. Gannes.

'Oregon Wildcat' To Be Released

PORTLAND, Nov. 16. (AP)—At 9 o'clock tonight Robert Gordon Duncan, who as the "Oregon wildcat" whipped Portland into excitement with his radio speeches last year, will be released from Multnomah county jail, where he has been serving a sentence on federal charges as a result of the radio addresses.

WEATHER

The prevailing "depression" has at least reached the barometric pressure and for nearly three days the Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy has registered a low of 29.30 with little variation from that mark.

The instrument shows a slight upward trend this afternoon, which, if continued will bring clearing skies.

The Tycos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today as follows:

High 34, low 25. Forecast for next 24 hours: unsettled tonight. Probably more snow. Cooler tomorrow.

BIRD HUNTERS OUT AS SEASON OPENS

The duck and goose hunting season opened today at noon in this section and will remain open until sundown the evening of December 15. Many hunters braved the snowstorm to be present at the time the season opened.

The snow, hunters say, will improve immediate hunting conditions. Marion Barnes, state police officer in charge of enforcement of the hunting laws says that the birds may leave sooner than usual if the snow stays on and the lake freezes as the weather would be unable to find feed.

More birds than usual are reported in the Klamath area by Barnes who says that the flight here is due to the fact that there is an abundance of water in this section and the drought in other sections where birds formerly congregated.

Good hunting is predicted on the east, west and south sides of Tule Lake and in the hunting grounds on Upper Klamath Lake. The public shooting ground at the south end of Tule Lake is closed this year to all hunters for a distance of one and a half miles south of the sanctuary.

Highway Group To Meet On Tuesday

SALEM, Nov. 16. (AP)—A special meeting of the state highway commission will be held at Portland tomorrow, Roy E. Klein, state highway engineer announced today. No delegations will be heard, although the meeting will not be an executive session, he announced.

The commission was unable to get far through its schedule at Portland, and much unfinished business remains, Klein said. William Hanley, member of the commission, arrived here today to visit the highway department in Salem.

Gas Price Forced Up In Bay Region

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16. (AP)—The Chronicle said San Francisco retailers of independent gasoline were ordered Sunday to advance the retail price to 16 1/2 cents a gallon, which is now being obtained by major companies. Distributors for refiners, the Chronicle said, issued an ultimatum stating that unless the orders were complied with, the supply would be cut off.

GRANDI ARRIVES TO TALK WITH HOOVER

Fogs Prevent Air Trip to Washington; Statement Issued by Italian.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. (AP)—Low lying fogs today balked the state department plan to take Foreign Minister Dino Grandi of Italy by air from the liner Conte Grande to Washington.

At noon Pan-American Airways, which had rushed a plane from the factory, recalled Col Lindbergh from the south and brought a four-man crew from Miami especially to take Grandi to Washington, a move which the weather made the plan impossible.

As the Conte Grande dropped anchor at quarantine Roger Q. Williams, who flew the Atlantic to Rome, flew overhead and dropped a bunch of roses for Mrs. Grandi and a sheet of circulars expressing the welcome to America of fascist organizations.

To Board Train Shortly after abandonment of the plan to fly the Grandi party to Washington, was announced the foreign minister, his wife and his associates were transferred from the liner to a cutter bearing the state department officials. The cutter headed for the Jersey City yards of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

As the Italian party was being transferred from the liner to the cutter Colonel Lindbergh landed in a small plane at North Beach ready to take command of the Caribbea clipper for the Washington flight. He was immediately informed that the flight had been abandoned.

Issues Statement Signor Grandi issued the following statement before boarding the train for Washington: "I am particularly pleased, on touching the American soil, six years after my first visit to the United States, to meet again the (Continued on Page Three)

Taber Re-Elected By Grange Group

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 16. (AP)—Louis J. Taber, of Columbus, Ohio, was re-elected master of the National Grange, at the organization's annual convention here today.

The national master had served for the past eight years and is the first to be elected for a fifth term.

LATE NEWS

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 16. (AP)—Mrs. Winnie Ruth Judd pleaded not guilty in superior court today to a charge of slaying Mrs. Agnes Anne Le Roi and Miss Hedvig Samuelson. December 15 was set as the date for her trial.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Nov. 16. (AP)—A sudden decision to "do it big, if I was going to do it at all," led Chester Duckwitz, 19, honor graduate of West Seattle high school, to attempt robbery of the Pacific State bank here Friday, he told officers today. The youth was returned here yesterday from Centralia, where he was captured Saturday.

ROSEBURG, Nov. 16. (AP)—After 40 hours of deliberation the jury was still deadlocked today in the case of Cecil Beckley, 42, charged with first degree murder in connection with the slaying of his wife and step-daughter last July.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 16. (AP)—An airplane will be chartered to fly into the storm swept Sierra Nevada to drop snowboards and skis to four Sacramento men now snowbound in a lonely cabin on the shore of Echo Lake unless Walter W. Campbell, contractor, is able to send assistance by other methods to the marooned men.

MORE SNOW, COLD THOUGHT IN PROSPECT

Soggy Precipitation Is Welcomed by Farmers of This Region.

Roads Passable for All Who Have Chains; Report Is Given.

WARNING GIVEN

The first heavy snowfall brought a warning from Chief of Police Guy Merrill to property owners and renters to keep the snow and ice off the concrete sidewalks.

He pointed out the danger to pedestrians from slippery walks on which they might fall and injure themselves as the reason for the ordinance and its enforcement.

The ordinance allows 15 hours for snow to be removed from the walks after it falls. Penalty for conviction under the ordinance is from \$1 to \$5 fine.

Wet, soggy snow which began to fall late Sunday night had piled up nearly 10 inches on the level in the city by noon today, and continued to fall from leaden skies.

The snowfall, which is the first heavy storm of the winter, is a boon to the country, falling as it does on unfrozen, spongy soil, it was declared. None of the moisture of the snow will be lost in run-off or evaporation, according to statisticians, but will be absorbed into the earth as ground moisture, needed because of the past years of drought.

The elevation of Upper Klamath lake Monday measured 4337.95, more than a foot above the minimum level required by law, which low point was reached during the past summer.

Barometric Drops The barometer Monday continued to hover on the low level held for the past several days, and more snow and cooler weather was forecast by local weather men.

The first heavy snowfall of last winter fell exactly a year ago, with 14 1/2 inches recorded on November 15 at the weather bureau of the United States reclamation building. Last year's snow, however, fell on solid, frozen ground, and practically all the moisture was lost by run-off and evaporation.

Thirty-four inches of fresh snow fell at Crater Lake during the past week-end, which, added to the 10 inches of old snow, gave a depth of 44 inches at the rim at 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Road Condition Given The Klamath county chamber of commerce tourist bureau, through the courtesy of the Oregon (Continued on Page Three)

ARMAMENT TRUCE ACCEPTED, REPORT

GENEVA, Nov. 16. (AP)—The league of nations secretariat today published an announcement by Aristide Briand, as president of the league council, that the one year armament truce proposed at the last council meeting had been accepted, effective November 1.

The armaments truce was originally proposed by Dino Grandi, Italian foreign minister. Forty nations have signified their willingness to adhere to it. It calls for a one-year suspension of all armaments building programs.