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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11
HOTEL BENSON, 12:10

SPEAKER
FREDERICK GREENWOOD
Assistant Manager, Bank of California

SUBJECT
"The Federal Reserve Bank and Its Relation to Business"

Mr. Greenwood, formerly the manager of the Portland Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, will discuss the functions of that organization and describe its services to the business interests of the community. Two Club reports of special interest to the members will be presented.

NEXT WEEK—
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Speaker, CLEMENT G. CLARKE
Pastor, First Congregational Church.
SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAM
Quartet, First Congregational Church.

ORIENTAL DEVELOPMENT TO INFLUENCE COAST

If Portland is to have one million people in the next few years it must depend more upon Hongkong and other Asiatic ports than upon New York, Chicago or American cities, declared Fletcher S. Brockman, National Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for Asia in an address delivered before the City Club luncheon meeting last Friday. Mr. Brockman recently returned to the United States for a short speaking tour. He has been active in the social work of Asia for the last 25 years and is a keen student of economic and political conditions.

"It is tremendously important for Portland to realize its closeness to the Orient," said Mr. Brockman. "The Pacific Coast has never awakened to the real future of the world. You say that China and the Orient should wake up. It is the Pacific Coast that should awaken. I don't believe the Pacific Coast people realize the significance of being on the Pacific ocean. Within a few hours sailing time and comparatively close live four million people, one-

LECTURES ON SCHOOLS PROPOSED BY SECTIONS

A plan for a series of public addresses on the Portland Public Schools has been approved by the Board of Governors and is presented in this issue of the Bulletin for the approval of the Club. The plan is proposed by the Education and Recreation Section of the Club. The lectures would be given by men who are expert in the field of education and who, from the nature of their work, would be fitted to discuss problems which are of peculiar interest to Portland. Dr. E. O. Sisson, chairman of the Education and Recreation Section and under whose supervision the undertaking would fall, will present the plan to the Club at the regular luncheon meeting on Friday, December 11th.

The recommendation follows:

To the Board of Governors:
It is recommended that the City Club Section on Education and Recreation be authorized to organize, sponsor and conduct a course of public lectures on the Public Schools. It is

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following application for membership in the City Club of Portland has been received and will be presented to the Club for approval at the regular luncheon meeting on Friday, December 18th:

CHARLES R. SPACKMAN, JR.
Attorney at Law
508 Platt Building

Proposed for membership in the City Club by Rowan Whealdon.
SECTION REPORTS ON WORLD COURT RESOLUTION

The report of the Government Organization and Public Finance section of the City Club on United States Senate resolution number five which provides for adherence of the United States to the World Court, is presented in this issue of the Bulletin. The report has been approved by the Board of Governors and will be presented to the Club for adoption at the regular luncheon meeting on Friday, December 11th. The report follows:

To the Board of Governors:

Your committee appointed to report on the matter of the disposition of Senate Resolution Five, known as the Swanson Resolution, now before the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate, respectfully submits its report herewith:

Senate Resolution Five, if adopted, will probably result in the United States becoming a member of the Permanent Court of International Justice, commonly known as the World Court.

The Resolution as now proposed contains certain reservations designed to give greater protection as well as freedom of action to the United States. The reservations were created and added at the instance of President Harding, President Coolidge and Charles Evans Hughes.

The question of adherence to said Court is a non-partisan matter. The United States Senate, by a non-partisan vote of 77 to 2, set the time for the hearing on the Resolution before the Senate as December 17, 1925. The House of Representatives in the spring of this year, by a vote of 301 to 28, endorsed the so-called Harding-Hughes-Coolidge World Court proposal. The proposal has been included as a plank in the platforms of both parties, two successive republican presidents have advocated it, and Senator Swanson, sponsor of the Resolution, is a Virginia Democrat.

Advocacy of the plan of adherence to the World Court is almost universal because the general conviction is that it is at least a step in the direction of the prevention of war; at the same time, it does not carry with it membership in the League of Nations as such.

There is precedent to be found in our own official proceedings for the City Club to take some action with reference to said problem. On January 26th, 1925, the Board of Governors authorized the appointment of a representative to meet with others to confer with reference to American participation in the World Court. On February 10th, 1925, the Board of Governors of the City Club referred a resolution urging the Foreign Relations Committee to report said Senate Resolution Five back to the Senate to the Club for action, and the Club thereafter adopted said resolution, which was duly transmitted under date of February 20th, 1925, to Hon. William E. Borah of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Your Committee of course in this report cannot attempt to analyze the weighty international problems involved in the adherence of the United States to the World Court. Your Committee nevertheless feels fully justified in recommending that the City Club of Portland, by an appropriate resolution, urge said Foreign Relations Committee to favorably report Senate Resolution Five back to the Senate without amendment, in order that it may receive prompt and unimpeded consideration by the Senate.

Your Committee believes that such action on the part of the City Club will in at least a small way help to hasten the day when the orderly processes of international law and comity, rather than the forces of death-dealing war, will determine international difficulties.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 7th day of December, 1925.

THADDEUS W. VENESS,
Committee.

"Oh Divine" is the title of the musical comedy which is being given this year by the Junior League of Portland for the benefit of the Children's Orthopedic Clinic of the Portland Free Dispensary and for the out-patient wing of the Doernbecher hospital. The comedy will be presented on the evenings of Friday and Saturday, December 11th and 12th, at the Heilig theatre.

The cast includes many prominent Portland persons. Miss Grace Henry, who directed the successful production of the same play in New York and other eastern cities, is in charge of its production here. The scenes are laid in a studio in Paris.

The annual sale of Christmas seals by the Oregon Tuberculosis Association is now here. In a large measure the work which has been accomplished in the fight against tuberculosis has been made possible through the sale of the seals at the Christmas time.
third of the human race, whose country holds unlimited undeveloped wealth and immeasurable commercial possibilities.

"The Far East is a misnomer," said the speaker, "It is the Near East in reality for Portland is nearer to Japan than it is to New York. For many years to come we are going to be more closely identified with the civilization of the Orient than we are with European civilization. With the future development of Asia there is going to be a commerce on the Pacific that will dazzle the world. Seattle ice cream is now served in Shanghai being shipped regularly every two weeks from that port. San Francisco lettuce is served in Hong Kong and Manila.

"There is a great battle going on in China now. The things that have happened during the last few months are of as great importance to China as was the World War to Europe. On the surface things seem to be stable in the Orient. Yet, during the period of comparative quiet there is a great battle being waged. We think that the Chinese are divided. They are divided but are united as I never thought any people could be united. They are united in a determined stand to be free from foreign oppression.

"China today is not as free as India. It is not as free as America was when we declared war on Great Britain for our independence. China has a thousand grievances where we had one. We had a slight difficulty over some tea and the quartering of soldiers. China has practically lost her sovereignty. Many handicaps have been imposed and forced upon her by treaties and by arms. I can travel from one side of China to the other and commit any crime yet no Chinese officer or magistrate can touch me. Aliens can commit any offense in China against that nation's citizens and be as safe from Chinese authority as an ambassador.

"Forty cities on the coast of Asia are under the control of foreign powers. China's own financial interests are controlled by foreigners, maritime finances being collected and distributed by other than the Chinese themselves. Foreign domination has penetrated to the innermost part of Chinese life. Chinese leaders have seen the conditions for years but now the people as a whole see and understand the conditions and are rising up against the world to make their country free. Capital and labor, farmer and business man, all are uniting in a supreme effort to free China.

"Freedom without the firing of a gun or the bursting of a bomb but by sacrificing themselves is the method proposed and now being effectively used by the Chinese. Following the Shanghai strike that was a dead city to foreigners and still would be if it were necessary. One store alone lost $10,000 per day during the boycott which was used with great effect by the Chinese employees and their friends. The strike in China is far more powerful than guns.

"The real battle today is not between Christianity and Confucianism but is between Christianity and atheism, between orderly society and a complete breaking down of civilization.

"What is America going to do about it? The Chinese program is essentially an American program. So far as I can see the attitude of our government during and since the Washington conference has been all that we could hope for. Our president has made very move in the best way possible. McMurray has laid down an American program to give China autonomy in her customs."

The colleges and universities are the battle ground for destructive propaganda, according to Mr. Brockman. The hope of China lies with the students who have been educated in the colleges and universities of other countries.