

RAY OF HOPE FOR PEACE IN MINERS' STRIKE SEEN BY 400,000 MEN NOW OUT

The anthracite situation at a glance:
Philadelphia and Reading—27,000 men employed monthly at a pay roll of \$600,000.
Lackawanna—18,440, at \$375,000.
Lehigh Valley—13,461, at \$360,000.
Delaware and Hudson—12,441, at \$263,500.
Pennsylvania—10,174, at \$225,000.
Lehigh and Wilkesbarre—8,800, at \$187,500.
Lehigh Coal & Navigation—6,861, at \$150,000.
Combined Independents—6,831, at \$2,003,141.

Indianapolis, April 1.—All bituminous and anthracite coal mines are idle, through the walking out of 400,000 men today. The bituminous miners will probably be idle but a few weeks pending submission to a referendum vote on the compromise reached last. The anthracite men will probably be out longer, no agreement having been reached between them and the operators.

It is believed the anthracite miners will be asked to vote on a wage scale compromise measure as well as the strike measure. President White of the United Mine Workers of America at his headquarters here is confident that the operators of the anthracite mines will follow the example of the bituminous operators and accept a compromise which would mean the question will be submitted to a referendum vote by the anthracite miners.

Compromise Appeals to Many.
Pittsburg, April 1.—President Feehan, of the local miners' district stated today that he expects the miners of the Pittsburg district to accept the wage compromise and return to work immediately. Fifty thousand miners are idle today in western Pennsylvania.

Scranton Miners Idle.
Scranton, April 1.—All mines in this section of the anthracite coal regions are idle. No effort to operate the collieries will be made while the regular men are out, and they expect peace to follow the meeting between the anthracite miners and operators in Philadelphia on April 10th.

INDIANA TOWNS SUFFER.
Big Ice Gorges Flood Three Towns and Do Great Damage.

Hammond, Ind., April 1.—Three towns are submerged and 25,000 acres are inundated, an \$500,000 as the result of ice jams in the Calumet river. The submerged towns are Shelby, Walter Valley and Schneider. The town of Gary is threatened and dynamiters are trying to blast out the gorges, and relieve the blockade in the river current. The railroad traffic is entirely suspended.

HILLMAN MUST SERVE.
Seattle Faker Who "Relieved" Many Investors in Court.

Washington, April 1.—C. D. Hillman of Seattle, must serve his sentence. The United States supreme court has re-an appeal to review the decision of the lower court. He was convicted in the federal court at Seattle of using the United States mails in a gigantic scheme to defraud and was given a penitentiary term. It is said he realized hundreds of thousands of dollars from selling lots around Seattle, in alleged fake schemes.

Hillman "got" many La Grande people who "fell" for his general schemes. The sum total of La Grande dollars lost this way would have purchased

big bulks of a library building, a Y. M. C. A. or even gone far to construct the new Commercial club building, it is said.

INSANE MAN AFTER ROOSEVELT

Failing in His Attempt on Roosevelt, Insane Man Blames Devils.
Waukesha, Wis., April 1.—Possessed by the delusion that he has a mission to kill Colonel Roosevelt, Charles Schomolla, an insane Pole who Saturday attacked Senator Gore with a club during a political meeting, is in meeting thinking that Roosevelt would speak. Roosevelt escaped by not visiting the city Saturday.

Schomolla says the devils told the colonel of his plan and Roosevelt sent Gore to take his place.

RIBBLE CONVERTS CRIMINAL

Deserter and Safe Cracker Gives Himself up to Atoning for Sins.

San Francisco, April 1.—Stung by his conscience Harvey S. Sprague, an ex-safe cracker and ex-army deserter cannot rest till he answer to the law for his misdeeds. He has already served a term in the federal prison as a deserter. Sprague gave himself up to the police today, and asked that he be sent back to Salmon City, Idaho, there to be punished for the cracking of a safe three years ago. With a companion, Ed Stevens, he got \$2,000 from a safe in the Idaho city. In 1910 he joined the army in St. Louis, and deserted. In St. Paul he ran across a Bible, and read it; repentant, he gave himself up to the army authorities and served 14 months in Alcatraz island near here. He has just finished his term.

OXFORD WINS BOAT RACE.

Delayed Event Easily Won by Oxonians on Thames This Morning.

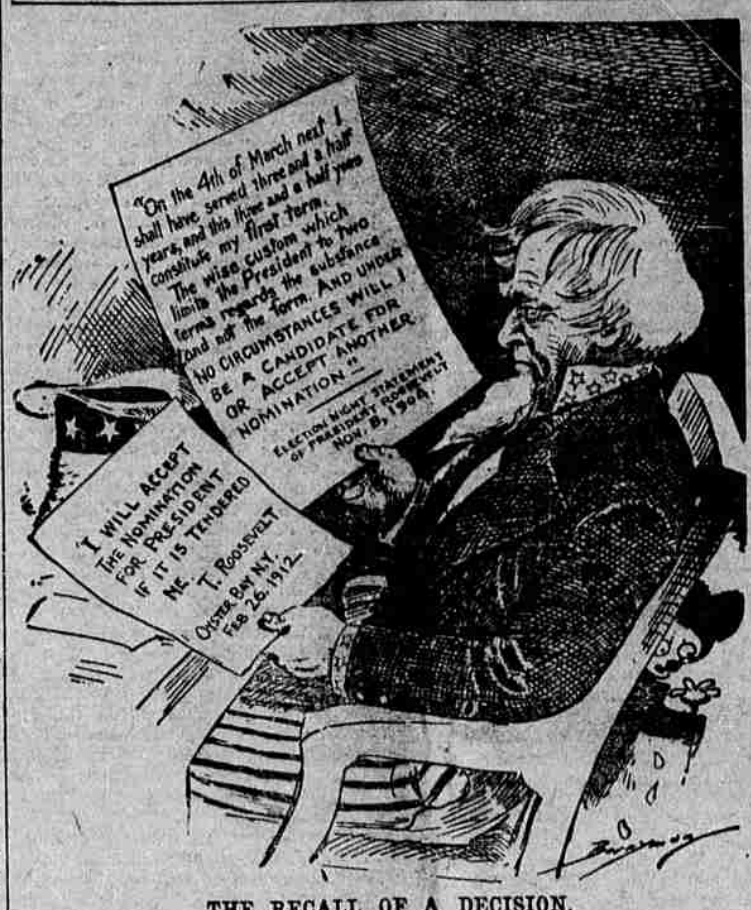
London, April 1.—Finishing in a drizzling rain Oxford today easily won the annual boat race over Cambridge on the river Thames by six boat lengths. Oxford's time was 23 minutes and three seconds.

Fate of Socialist Mayor in Balance

Milwaukee, Wis., April 1.—After one of the most strenuous and spirited campaigns in the history of the city the voters of Milwaukee will decide at the election tomorrow whether the Cream City shall continue under the socialist regime or be governed by a non-partisan set of officials. The interest in tomorrow's election naturally centers in the contest for the mayoralty. Mayor Emil Seidel, socialist, who was elected two years ago, is again a candidate, asking for his reelection upon the strength of his administration's official record. His opponent is Dr. Gerhard A. Bading, former health commissioner of Milwaukee, who was nominated on a non-partisan ticket, having the support of both the republican and the democratic party organizations. The non-partisans promise a strictly business administration if elected to office.

Fifth Trial for Murder.

San Francisco, April 1.—For the fifth time Michael Joseph Conboy, former chief of police of San Francisco, will go to trial tomorrow for the alleged murder of Bernard J. Lagan. The trial of a defendant five times will be a record without parallel in the courts of California and attorneys believe it will be the first case in American jurisprudence of a defendant facing a fifth trial on a murder charge.



THE RECALL OF A DECISION.

SPLENDID SUCCESS ATTENDS MEN AND RELIGION MOVEMENT

As a fitting climax to the general theme of Fred Witham's noon luncheon speech at Honan hall today to the effect that La Grande needs a Y. M. C. A. right now and can look about for means to build an imposing structure later on, committees are out this afternoon conferring with the proprietors of the skating rink on Washington avenue in an effort to lease that building and convert it into a Y. M. C. A. home until such time as the city can expediently build a more comfortable and adequate structure. This movement is the immediate outgrowth of the Men and Religion Forward movement now holding full sway in La Grande and came at the conclusion of a brief hour's luncheon and speech-fest at Honan hall, Attorney R. J. Green, affiliated with the movement, closely, brought the proposition before the attention of the 75 guests and it took root to such an extent that committees are now sounding the feasibility which seems on the surface to be logical.

La Grande is gripped in the fingers of Men and Religion Forward movement. Stirring speeches that aim at and reach man's inner man in such a way that community benefits are accruing, social luncheons and splendid mass meetings are the conspicuous features of the movement. It came—the movement—Saturday and leaves tomorrow night never to return, and many men in La Grande are not getting the best of it, regardless of the fact that overflow meetings are almost a necessity every day.

The Boys Leave Town.
Generally, speaking the boys of Union and Walla Walla counties have had their innings and most of them returned to their homes this morning. The crowning feature of the boys' department was the banquet last Saturday evening in Honan hall when the tables were crowded with youthful diners who listened to ringing speeches made by Lowden Jones and Ben Cowen, two Walla Walla boys; Bert Pickens, La Grande, and V. C. Robins of Joseph. Cecil Bolton officiated as toastmaster and every part of the program was well rendered. The affair was a treat.

The visiting boys were entertained with automobile rides and went home jubilant over the success of the conference. They attended, as a body, the services yesterday as well.

Pulpit Assignments Interest.
Yesterday morning the team from Walla Walla occupied the pulpits throughout the city and five very in-

teresting meetings were held. At these services the general subject of men and religion forward was discussed entertainingly. Usual musical numbers went hand in hand with the sermon-addresses. The assignments were:

Rev. E. M. Clingan of Walla Walla, Presbyterian church; John Gibson, of Walla Walla, in the Methodist church; Rev. H. T. Cash, Baptist church; Prof. Norman Coleman of Whitman college in the Christian church and Fred Witham in the M. E. church South.

Afternoon Meeting Big.
One of the real big treats of the conference thus far was the afternoon mass meeting for men and boys held in the Baptist church yesterday afternoon. This meeting was addressed by Rev. E. M. Clingan of the First Presbyterian church at Walla Walla. The church was filled with interested listeners who heard Rev. Clingan discourse on the general subject of ideal man and boyhood.

It is generally agreed that the address was one of the top-notch affairs of the day.

Overflow at Evening Session.
At the Baptist church again Sunday evening, a general meeting for congregations of all churches, the entire five general sub-divisions of the movement was discussed before an audience that packed the seating capacity and people were actually turned away in numbers. The Baptist church has probably not had as many people in it at one time before. The subjects heard discussed were:

Boys' Work by Fred Witham, Walla Walla Y. M. C. A.
Missions by H. T. Cash, Pendleton.
Social Service by John Gibson, Walla Walla.
Evangelism by Rev. E. M. Clingan.
Bible Study by Prof. Norman Coleman, Whitman college.

Men's Luncheon at Noon.
Today at noon men and boys heard Boys' Work again discussed by Mr. Witham, at a luncheon in the basement of the Baptist church. Attorney C. E. Cochran presided and other speakers on the boys' question were Prof. Coleman, Lowden Jones, Ben Cowan and Secretary Witham.

Services Tonight.
Tonight again the five general subjects will be discussed by the heads of the subdivisions as follows and men and boys interested in one or more special departments can hear them. The program tonight and tomorrow follows:
Monday evening—Conferences from 7 to 8:15 as follows: Boys' work, Bap-

WISCONSIN EMPLOYS ITS PRIMARY LAW

FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THAT STATE HELD TOMORROW

LEADERS OF NATIONAL POLITICS WATCH WISCONSIN VOTE

Alabama Booming Underwood for the Presidency—Prevent La Follette From Getting Unanimous Vote In Wisconsin Aim of Opposition to the Favored Son

Milwaukee, Wis., April 1.—Leaders of national politics are looking forward with acute interest to the presidential preference primaries in Wisconsin tomorrow, the first to be held under the new state law. Delegates-at-large and district delegates to the national conventions of both parties are to be selected.

Wisconsin is the home of Senator La Follette and is generally supposed to have strong progressive leanings. Impartial judges of the situation predict that La Follette will carry the majority of the republican delegation with delegates reported in some cases to favor Roosevelt for second choice. The Taft men, including many of the older leaders of the party, have waged an active campaign, but their hope is not to get a majority of the delegation but to prevent La Follette from having a unanimous vote from the state. On the democratic side, confident claims are being made in behalf of Clark, Wilson and Harmon and it is impossible to predict with any degree of certainty which of the three candidates will secure the largest number of delegates from Wisconsin to the Baltimore convention.

Alabama Booms Underwood.
Montgomery, Ala., April 1.—At a state-wide primary in Alabama today the democratic voters selected candidates for congress and named delegates to the state convention which is to assemble two weeks hence to nominate candidates for the state offices to be filled at the coming election. At the primaries the voters also were given an opportunity to express their preference for the presidential nomination, but the delegates to the Baltimore gathering will be selected by the state convention. As Alabama is solidly for Congressman Oscar W. Underwood for the presidential nomination, the interest in the presidential contest is confined largely to the efforts of the Harmon, Wilson and Clark managers to secure the selection of delegates who may favor their candidate for second choice.

Bitter Saloon Contest in Illinois.
Chicago, Ills., April 1.—A bitter contest between the liquor interests and the anti-saloon forces will reach its climax in the elections about to be held in more than 100 cities and towns in Illinois. The town elections will be held tomorrow and the city elections one week later. Reports from all over the state indicate intense interest in the struggle. Among the larger places which will vote on the "wet" and "dry" question are Monmouth, Freeport, Rockford, Waukegan, Mattson, Belvidere, Champalgon, Centralia and Dixon.

dist gymnasium; evangelism, Baptist lecture room; social service, Presbyterian church; Bible study, Christian church. Platform meetings under the supervision of Walla Walla team at Baptist church commencing at 8:15.
Tuesday noon—Luncheon which, like Monday, is open to every merchant and clerk, during discussion of social service.
The same program with the same conference as for Monday will prevail Tuesday, and all merchants and clerks are urged to attend the noon luncheon, at which time Dr. Laughlin will preside and the matter of social service will receive all the attention.

FARCIGALLA'S PREPARED BY U'REN FAULTION

CONSTITUTION ABROGATED BY STRANGE LAW MAKING BODY

UNION AND EASTERN OREGON COUNTIES MADE VOICELESS

Number Votes Given Candidate for Office Under New Scheme Would Be Cast by that Officer on Voting for Any Measure—Powers of Governor increased manifold—The Plan

Oregon City, Ore., March 29.—(Special)—If the constitutional amendments now being prepared by the Peoples' Power League or Oregon are adopted by the people of the state at the November election, a body blow will be dealt to representative government in this state and the governor will be vested with more power and authority than an Oriental potentate. By a single initiative measure, the people will be asked to abrogate all of articles II, IV, V, and VI of the constitution and to substitute therefor an assortment of populist junk that is by long odds the most radical cog in the machinery of the "Oregon system." It is proposed to abolish the state senate altogether and to provide for a legislature consisting of but one body with 60 members elected by the proportional representation plan—the arrangement that exists at present in the selection of delegates to the national party conventions.

The state is to be divided into legislative districts, the counties of Union, Baker and Wallowa constituting the 16th district with four representatives. Multnomah county is to have 13 representatives—more than the entire representation from all the counties east of the Cascade mountains together with Jackson, Josephine and Douglas.

The legislature is to meet annually and a recall petition filed against any member automatically suspends the session until the recall election is held. The governor is to possess all the power which he now enjoys, and, in addition thereto, is to be an ex-officio member of the legislature with the sole right to introduce appropriation bills. He is also to appoint all state officers, besides district attorneys, sheriffs and county judges. The only other elective state office is the state auditor—an office that has not existed heretofore.

The governor is also to have a vote upon all measures before the legislature and his defeated rivals are also ex-officio members of the law-making body.

A peculiar system of proportional representation in the legislature is proposed in effect. This plan contemplates representation by the proxy system, according to the actual number of votes cast for the representative. Thus, if John Smith, representing the counties of Union, Baker and Wallowa, received 6500 votes at the election, his vote on every roll call in the legislature would count for 6500, while William Brown, representing Marion county, might receive and hold the proxy of 7500 votes. In order to expedite business, it will doubtless be necessary for the legislative clerks to procure a large assortment of adding machines in order to keep "tab" on roll calls during the session.

Another feature of the proposed measure is the provision whereby an elector can vote for his first, second and third choices for the different offices. The primary law is repealed, the primary election abolished except for members of congress and United States senators. It is said by W. S. U'ren, secretary of the Peoples' Power League, and high priest of the single tax temple, that the proposed amendments, if adopted, will save the state \$500,000 per year, but there is no proof that this saving will be made. In view of the provision that the legislature is to meet annually and remain in session indefinitely, it is hard to believe that Mr. U'ren's calculations are correct, but, on the contrary, it is freely predicted that the adoption of this "pet" measure of the local law giver will place an additional burden upon the shoulders of the taxpayers.

The whole proposal is so radical that many members of the Peoples' Power League are opposed to it and the league itself is in danger of disreputation.
 militia Guards Grays Harbor.
Tacoma, April 1.—Captain Palmer of troop B, Washington national guard says 40 picked men are ready to go at once to Grays Harbor to quell the strike in progress there.