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RATIFICATION CONFERENCE FOR COOPERATIVE BUYING OF FARMER'S GRAIN IS BEING HELD IN CHICAGO TODAY

NEW NOTES ON MANDATES HAVE BEEN SENT BY U. S.

JAPAN, GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND ITALY WILL RECEIVE NOTES WHICH WERE SENT FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REPLY TO ORIGINAL NOTE.

Note Is Over the Former German Islands in the Pacific, North of the Equator—It is believed in Paris That the New Notes Will Be Received With Satisfaction By the Allies, Who Hope That United States Will Aid in the Settling of Various War Questions.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6.—New notes on the mandates have been sent by the American government to Japan, France, Great Britain and Italy. The occasion for sending them is said to be the receipt of Japan's reply to the original note protesting against the Japanese mandate over the former German Islands in the Pacific, north of the equator. The notes are broad enough to cover all of the American rights growing out of the world war. The notes form part of a series begun by Secretary Colby in which the United States insisted upon its full rights as one of the allied and associated powers, and also the right to pass finally upon all mandates before their adoption.

May Satisfy Allies.

PARIS, Apr. 6.—The reply of the allies to the American note on mandates will probably express intense satisfaction if the United States is disposed to resume a collaboration with the allies in the settlement of war questions.

COAL IS TOPIC FOR CONVENTION

PORTLAND, Apr. 6.—Delegates to the third international mining convention in session here swung into the real work of the meeting with the program today. Coal was the big topic featured, and there were addresses by George Watkins Evans, consulting mining engineer of Seattle, S. H. Green, manager of mines of the Pacific Coast Coal company, Seattle, and E. R. McMillan, assistant mining engineer of the United States Bureau of Mines. The afternoon program included talks by Ralph Gault, Seattle, and A. W. Perley, of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company. Tonight there was to be a high jinks smoker.

WAS HURT BY PASSING TRAIN

PENDLETON, April 6.—Suffering from internal injuries as the result of a train accident, Frank Cunha, a prominent stockman of Echo, has been operated upon in a Portland hospital.

Cunha was struck by train No. 5 Sunday morning about 2 o'clock. He had been superintending the shipping of some cattle and sheep to Portland and had just started home in a Dodge car owned by Fred Dunn of the Willard Commission company. Unaccustomed to driving that make of car, in attempting to reverse, he killed his engine crossing the railroad tracks.

The train in striking the car, threw it over a railroad switch. While seriously injured when thrown from the car, Cunha did not become unconscious. The train did not stop and it was not until some time later when a freight train passed, that Cunha was picked up. He was taken to his home and he told railroad officials he would be all right.

It was not until his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cunha, Sr., heard him groaning with pain, later in the morning that Cunha told of the accident. He was rushed to Portland on train No. 17.

EXPENSE OF AUTO SHOW WILL TOTAL OVER \$5,000.00

BAKER, Apr. 6.—It is a matter of considerable expense to stage a successful automobile show, and when it comes to the labor, just ask one of the auto men where the comes in.

It is fully stated that the expense to the automobile men of Baker in labor and money will reach over \$5,000 for next week's show. Knowing this, it will be impossible to keep the crowd away from the show, as they will know that it is well worth seeing.

Bars Against Immigration Go Up May 1

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6.—The bars against immigration from Europe will be placed on May 1, under the plans announced by the Republican leaders. Senator Dillingham has prepared for the immediate introduction in the new Congress, of the immigration restriction bill vetoed by President Wilson. This would limit immigration for one year to three per cent of the population of alien origin now in the country.

SMUGGING WILL PROTECT FRUIT

ROGUE RIVER VALLEY FROST FEARED TODAY.

Sat. Lake Has Second Day of Snowstorm—Fine Yellow Dust Falls Over Eastern Oregon.

MEDFORD, Apr. 6.—Smudging was done early today to counteract the heavy frost which fell in the Rogue River valley, and to save the fruit from destruction.

Snow at Salt Lake.

SALT LAKE, Apr. 6.—It was snowing again today, so that the second day's game between Salt Lake and Oakland had to be called off.

Dust Storm Widespread.

Cold, cold, cold. This was the greeting of one man to another as all wended their way down town this morning to their places of business. Many a householder took another look at the coal bin, wondering if this cold spell keeps up, just how long the little black lumps will last.

A queer atmospheric phenomenon was observed yesterday and is still traceable today in the sky. A general storm, believed to have come from the west, had stirred clouds of dust in the air, and although there was little dust or wind stirring, the fine yellow dust seemed to hang in the air and cast a most dreary outlook over the sky. Many claimed that the dust came from Umatilla, Washington, Idaho and Montana have already signed 23,000,000 bushels of wheat in Union county is just starting. It is believed by the organizers that the farmers here will take favorable action when the matter of joining the association is presented to them.

The association asks the farmers to sign a contract which turns the marketing of their grain over to the association for a period of six years. The association of the various states will be bound together with a central marketing bureau which will aim to market the wheat in an orderly manner and so regulate the flow of wheat on the market as to keep the market stable, eliminate speculation, assist in financing the farmers and finally to return to the farmer the largest percentage possible of the price the consumer pays for the wheat.

The general organization plan is based on the principles worked out by 22 co-operative organizations in California, of which the citrus growers organization is an example, as well as being one of the pioneer organizations of the kind in that state.

Among the results expected are the prevention of the dumping of wheat on the market at harvest time, forcing the farmer to sell at whatever price the buyer is willing to pay.

The association makes it possible for the farmers to borrow a large percentage of the value of wheat on warehouse receipts. During last year a large amount of money was obtained by members of the Idaho association in this manner at a time when it was impossible to borrow money from individual banks, the association making arrangements for this money from a bank in one of the larger banking centers, bringing in such money at a time when the farmers were unable to sell locally to advantage.

The pool is closed on May 1 of each year and at that time an equitable distribution of the money received for the wheat is made.

HERRICK WILL ACCEPT POST

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6.—Myron Herrick, ambassador to France,

SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE HITS A SNAG

HITCH DEVELOPED IN PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

MINERS WERE TO MEET WITH MINE OWNERS

Factory Owners at Turin, An Italian Industrial Center, Have Declared a Lockout, According to Dispatches From England—Troops to Occupy the Factories.

LONDON, Apr. 6.—A hitch was developed this evening in the proposed resumption of negotiations to end the miners' strike, Lloyd George has announced.

The executive body of the miners' delegations will meet representatives of the owners and the government for a reopening of negotiations for a settlement of the strike. The mine owners also accepted the invitation.

Lockout Declared.

The factory owners at Turin, an important Italian industrial center, have declared a lockout. The troops have occupied the factories, says a dispatch.

The transport workers' federation today decided to support the miners in their strike.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight, fair. Thursday, fair and warmer, heavy frost in the morning.

McNary Confers With Fall On Reclamation

WASHINGTON, Apr. 6.—Senator McNary this afternoon conferred with Secretary Fall as to the form of the general reclamation bill which he expects to submit Monday and secure early passage in the senate. This evening the senator and other members of the Western Reclamation association will meet with officers of the American Legion to discuss how the reclamation plan fits into the program of the legion for putting former soldiers on their feet.

SHRINE CLUB IS ORGANIZED

PENDLETON, Apr. 6.—With a nucleus of 40 members, the Pendleton Shrine club which organized and elected officers last Saturday night, expects to become a live wire organization. All Umatilla county shriners are eligible for membership and it is expected that at least 165 will join the club.

W. E. Brock, deputy potentate of Al Kader, the Portland Temple, was elected president of the club. Other officers chosen were J. W. Maloney, vice-president; Lyman Rice, secretary; and A. C. Funk, treasurer.

In order to promote interest in the Shrine and better fellowship, meetings will be held monthly in the Masonic hall.

JAILED FOR DRINKING TOO MUCH LAST NIGHT

Lewis Martin, negro, was lodged in the city jail last evening because he had taken too many drinks of liquor, and is being held on a charge of intoxication.

Raid Lands Alleged Wine Maker In The City Jail

George Francois, an Austrian, was placed in the city jail last night for having in his possession 10 gallons of fermented wine and a barrel of mash. The wine and mash were seized when the police raided the Francois place at 1308 Monroe street.

Although no evidence implicating Francois in selling liquor has been unearthed, the police believe that Francois has been responsible for a large amount of the moonshine liquor which has been sold here recently.

That liquor with a strong kick has been manufactured and sold here in large quantities recently is proved by municipal court records which show a large number of arrests for drunkenness. The manufacturers of the liquor have, however, been able to keep their place of manufacture and their sales secret because those apprehended have done everything possible to keep the authorities from knowing where they obtained the liquor.

It is not known who has been responsible for the sale of the liquor from the Francois place but the arrested man claims to be the owner of the confiscated mash and wine, and he will probably be prosecuted on a charge of having possession, unless additional proof that he actually sold the liquor is discovered. A number of Austrians are said to have been securing a supply of liquor from the place where the goods were confiscated.

This afternoon Francois was brought before Justice of the Peace Arthur C. Williams and, on the request of his attorney, R. J. Kitchen, had his case continued until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The request was made to give the defense time to investigate the charges.

FORMATION IMMEDIATE

The final report of this committee will be presented tomorrow by its chairman, C. H. Gustafson, a Nebraska farmer who heads several large farmers' cooperative organizations.

If the marketing plan and the recommendations of the committee are accepted by the conference, it will result in the immediate formation of a farmers' national grain marketing company," Mr. Gustafson said. "The hearty approval with which the plan was received at the state meetings indicates that several thousand existing co-operative elevators will at once affiliate with the national grain marketing company, so that it can handle an appreciable part of the 1921 crop.

Demands for the compulsory pooling of a percentage of the farmer's grain were made today by representatives of the Northwest Wheat Growers' association, also by the Wheat Growers' Association of America, with headquarters in Wichita, Kan.

BAKER SHOW PLANS FOR WEDDING ON RAFT IN NEW POOL

BAKER, Apr. 6.—Two have already volunteered for the wedding which is to take place on a raft in the center of the swimming pool Saturday evening at 9:30. It has been decided in case more than one couple volunteers, the lucky couple will be selected by lot.

A couple that volunteers to be married on the raft in the pool at the Automobile Merchants Exposition will find themselves well set up for the future, with many of the things for comfortable home keeping. As ready merchants have come forward with offers of presents the total in value fully \$250, with more coming in all the time.

COMMITTEE OF SEVENTEEN RECOMMENDS A CORPORATION

ORIGINAL PLANS CALL FOR AN OPTIONAL POOLING OF GRAIN, THE COMPULSORY POOLING PLAN HAVING BEEN DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE.

Membership Fee of \$10, With No Assessments, Is Plan—Farmer Would Sign to Pool Wheat For Five Years, After Which Handling of Grain Could Be Renewable From Year to Year—107 Delegates Chosen Last Year Are to Be in Attendance at General Meeting Tomorrow.

CHICAGO, Apr. 6.—The ratification conference on the co-operative grain marketing plan submitted by the farmers' marketing committee of seventeen, assembled here today. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, in an address, said that the department of agriculture should lend the farmers the same aid in marketing their crops, as it does in crop production.

The complete machinery necessary for the farmers to handle the marketing of grain was outlined in the report of the committee of seventeen recommending the establishment of a corporation to be known as the United States Grain Growers, Incorporated. The plan calls for an optional pooling of grain, the compulsory pooling plan having been defeated in committee. All members of the corporation must be bonafide grain growers. A membership fee of \$10 with no assessments would be levied. The corporation is to be non-profit, non-stock company with no dividends and operated on a cost basis.

The expenses after the membership fees are paid is to be met by commission basis, the deduction is to be one percent of the value of the grain, corresponding to the present commission charges. The contract binds the farmers for the exclusive handling of the grain for five years, renewable from year to year.

Delegates Meet Tomorrow

The ratification of the plan proposed will be taken up for consideration here tomorrow at a conference of farmer representatives from the 25 important grain producing states of the country.

Delegates to the meeting number 107, all chosen at state meetings held by the committee in March. Delegates were apportioned on the basis of the average value of grain marketed in each state during the past ten years.

Chairman of the ratification conference will be J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, who in July last year called a national marketing conference that led to the creation of the committee of seventeen.

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CITY MUST PAY DAMAGES

JOHN ROGERS IS AWARDED THE AMOUNT ASKED.

Failure to Put Railing on Bridge Cut in Half Costs City \$110 and Court Costs.

A jury in circuit court this morning brought a verdict for the plaintiff in the case of John Rogers vs. the City of La Grande, finding him entitled to \$110 damages because his automobile ran off a bridge over a ditch on Cherry street which had been cut off and no bannisters or railing put in.

The accident occurred on November 25, 1920, and the city's plea was that the work had been done in August of that year, giving plaintiff ample opportunity to know that the width of the bridge had been reduced. Originally the bridge was 48 feet wide but that section which was in the center of the roadway had been broken through by heavy trucks using the bridge and automobiles had been turning to the left when going across the bridge, which is just north of the railroad. When the repair work was done the bridge was cut in two, being only 24 feet wide now, the part that was cut off having been used to repair the other part.

The accident happened at night and Rogers was going north and could not see that the bridge had been cut off as the grade of the street just north of the track pitched down and his lights failed to show him the danger, their being no railing or other means provided.

COVE ROAD TO BE DISCUSSED

LARGE DELEGATION FROM COVE EXPECTED TOMORROW.

Ad Club Luncheon to Be Devoted to Talking Over Much Needed Highway to Fruit Section.

The Ad Club luncheon tomorrow noon at the Foley hotel is expected to be the biggest good road meeting ever held in La Grande and speakers from both places will point out the necessity for that road and the mutual benefit to be derived by La Grande and Cove from this much needed piece of road.

A. A. Antles and D. L. Lee will be the speakers representing Cove. Antles is one of the prominent fruit-growers of the Cove section and he is expected to present some interesting facts regarding the handicap the present lack of transportation facilities is to the farmers and fruit growers of that section.

The speakers from La Grande include J. F. Phy, former county judge, and Bruce Dennis, of the Observer. A number of others will also be called on by Mr. Short, but the complete list had not been made out today. The members of the county court, Judge U. G. Couch, Cecil Galloway and J. F. Hutchinson, are expected to be present at the luncheon and immediately after the luncheon the delegation of Cove and La Grande men will meet with the court to lay their requests before that body.

PORTLAND MARKET.

PORTLAND, Apr. 6.—The price of cattle was low today, hogs 25 cents lower, prime light selling for \$11 and \$11.25; sheep steady, eggs one cent lower, and the price of butter firm.

