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GRAIN MAY GO HIGHER IS BELIEF

Move to Lower Freight Rate on Export Grain Sure to Bring Much Relief

HOOVER TAKES PART IN MOVE

Open the Foreign Markets to Grain of United States Is Aim in Order to Stimulate Trade and Prices

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Strong hope for better prices in the agricultural markets is justified by reductions in the railroad rates on grain for export, already in effect and proposed, according to a statement issued at the White House Friday night.

Recent reductions in the export rates on grains in Chicago and New York, the statement said, will be followed by sweeping revisions of grain rates generally including those from Mississippi river points and on the lines to the gulf, in order that the entire agricultural interest may share fully in the benefits.

"In general," the statement continued, "advances in freight costs are passed on to the consumer by adding them to the selling price. But in grains, whose domestic price is dominated by the foreign price of the exported surplus, the producer suffers when rates go up and benefits when they go down. Therefore, though the exports represent a minor share of the total grain production, the lowering of export rates affects the entire crop. These reductions of rates, together with the arrangements for financial assistance to export trade and the assurance that Europe is going to need extraordinary quantities of American foodstuffs, constitute altogether a justification for strong hope that the tendency in the agricultural markets will for some time be decidedly toward better prices."

Hoover Secures Reduction.
Reductions of transportation rates on grain for export was described as "one of the most important measures the administration has initiated for the relief of agriculture and of general industrial conditions." The reductions, it was explained, were insisted upon by Secretary Hoover as a concession to the agricultural interests, when, on behalf of President Harding, he negotiated with the carriers the basis for settlement of their claims against the government, getting out of federal control.

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NEW TAX WILL AID MARRIED

An Exemption of \$2500 on Incomes Under \$5000 Is Included in Committee's Report.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Practically winding up revision of the levy sections of the 1918 tax law, house ways and means committee Republicans voted Friday to increase from two thousand dollars to twenty-five hundred dollars the exemption allowed married men having an annual net income of five thousand dollars or less. This change would be retroactive to January 1, 1921, and would be in addition to the increase of \$200 in the exemption for each dependent of a head of a family previously decided upon.

Agreement was also reached, it was said, to decrease the manufacturers' tax on candy from five to three percent, the manufacturers' tax on furs from 10 to five percent, and to repeal all of the so-called luxury levies, including those on carpets, rugs, trunks, traveling cases, pocketbooks, umbrellas and portable lighting fixtures, as well as those on wearing apparel.

Under present plans of Republican leaders, the committee draft of the completed bill, which will be in the form of an amendment to the 1918 law, will be presented to a conference of house Republicans at 1 p. m. Monday and introduced in the house later that day. Actual consideration of it there, however, it was said, would go over until Wednesday in order that the measure could be formally passed upon Tuesday by the ways and means committee with the Democratic members present.

Prize-Winning Baby



Mariel Elaine Epehardt was awarded first prize in a baby health and beauty contest in which hundreds of Bronx children participated. She also won a silver cup as the most beautiful child in her New York school. She is seen here with her mother.

Co-Ordination Move is Widely Prased by All

Action of the Union county Ad club in co-ordinating community affairs under one general manager and one general headquarters, and of putting a V. M. C. A. into community use to a greater degree by "heading up" community affairs in such a place, is drawing favorable mention

in Northwest papers. News items published in Portland and elsewhere comment freely on the project and one Portland paper devotes nearly a column of space to the plan, with scarce heads.

Defeat Overtook Imbler Players

Juvenile Champions Hit That Waterloo With the Boys of Moscow

Even the mighty can fall. The Imbler juvenile baseball team met two stinging defeats at Moscow on Thursday and Friday, once 11-1 and the next time 11-3. The Imbler worders ran against a snag, but they report back to Imbler by telephone that they haven't given up the ship by a good deal because the series calls for three out of five games and next week Moscow will come to Imbler to play two games and Imbler can win the "world series" for the championship of Eastern Oregon, and Eastern Washington, which they already hold, and add Northern Idaho to their territory, by tactics, straight games from the Moscovites. The Imbler laddies will return home tonight.

Big Game Tomorrow

Tomorrow's banner baseball attraction in this general vicinity will happen in Union. Cove is "standing" the whole Intermountain league. An all-star cast, with team members from all other clubs picked according to their ability to go against Cove. Cove will play her regular team on this occasion and all is set for a lively round of pleasure. Union has a Commodious grandstand at the Stock show grounds and there will be room for all. That visitors will come from the far corners of the league territory in witness the contest, goes without saying.

It is understood two La Grande players will be in the lineup.

They Hang 'Em in Old Missouri When Death Sentence Is Imposed

UNION, Mo., Aug. 13.—Charles J. Jay, 25, of St. Louis, was hanged today for complicity in the murder of Benjamin Schobe, November 29, 1917. In a statement read by Father De Valbees, just before the trap was sprung, Jay asked forgiveness of Schobe's relatives for his "share of the crime which was done under the influence of liquor." Jay previously had insisted he was innocent.

YOU CAN PICNIC SUNDAY

PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—The weather man says Sunday will be fair with moderate westerly winds.

HUGHES WILL HEAD PEACE DELEGATION

President Harding Names Secretary of State as the Leader

OTHER PLACES NOT YET CHOSEN

Great Disarmament Meeting will Know President Only in the Background Is the Present Plan.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Any expectation that President Harding will himself act as a delegate to the disarmament conference was overthrown Friday by a White House announcement that he had definitely designated Secretary Hughes of the state department to head the American delegation.

It was said other members were yet to be chosen although the president is known to have narrowed considerably the list of those he considers available, and may reach the point of other definite selections in the near future. He is understood to have decided that at least one of the places shall go to a United States senator, and the choice of a woman as a member of the delegation still is within the range of possibility.

Discuss Harding's Role.

The exact role to be played by the president never has been officially defined, but the general expectation is that after delivering the opening address of the conference November 11 he will remain in the background of the negotiations, leaving direct contact with the foreign commissioners to his accredited representatives.

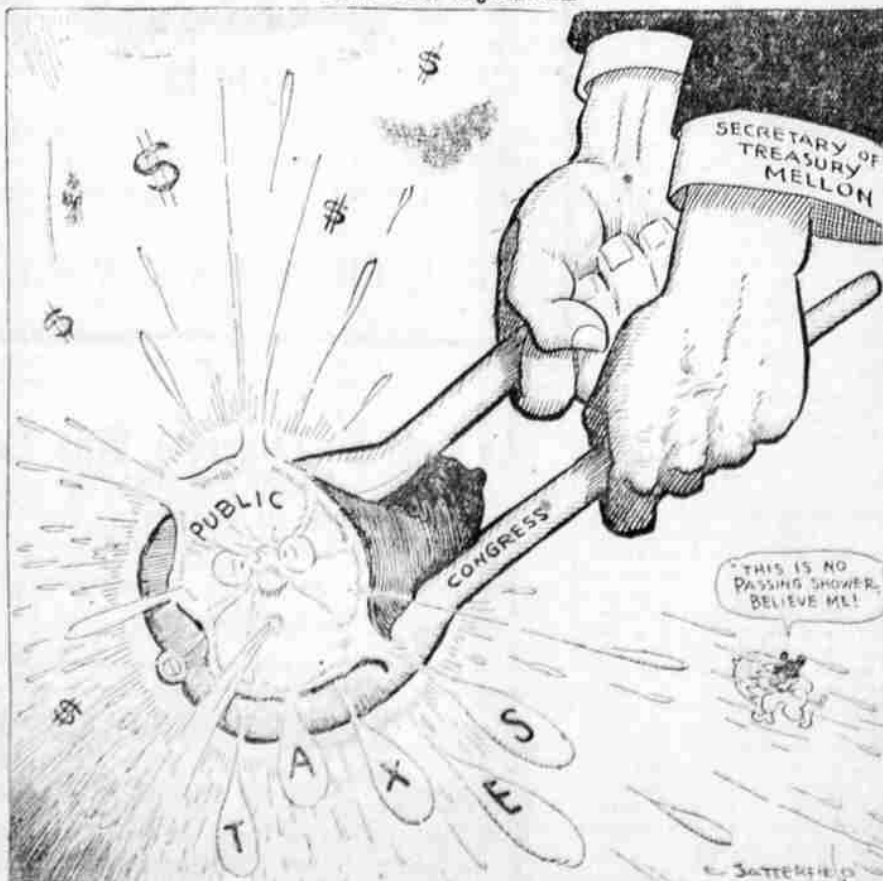
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General Leonard Wood Will Handle Affairs in the Philippines

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Nomination of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood as governor general of the Philippine islands Friday awaited action by the University of Pennsylvania to release him from his promise to become president of the institution, but his services in the islands may not last more than a year.

Secretary Weeks said that General Wood had yielded reluctantly to urgings that he accept the governorship preferring to follow his original purpose of seeking private employment. It might well be, Mr. Weeks, added that should the university authorities consent to the change in plan, General Wood would remain only a year in the islands, and then come home to take up his deferred work at the university.

THE BIG SQUEEZE



Forest Officials Hold Important Meeting to Revalue Range Mission

UNION, Aug. 13.—(Special.)—Growing out of movement to revalue the range, which was two years ago when the House agricultural committee at Washington decided to increase range rentals to stockmen and was met with a determined effort on the part of the forest department to block such movement until a proper re-valuation could be made, thus giving stockmen a square deal, a meeting of officials was held yesterday afternoon at the Experiment Station which is considered one of the most important to the stock raiser that has ever been held in the northwest.

C. E. Rachford from Washington D. C., assisted by the western representatives of the National Forest Service is making a most thorough investigation of grazing problems and livestock conditions in general. The primary object of the investigation and various conferences is a consideration of methods for determining comparative values of different ranges for the production of livestock, considering quality of range, accessibility and other important factors.

In the party were C. E. Rachford, Grazing Inspector, Washington, D. C.; E. W. Kavanaugh, Assistant District Forester, Portland; J. L. Peterson, in charge of range appraisal, District No. 6, Portland; W. L. Dutton, Grazing Examiner, Baker; D. C. Ingram, Grazing Examiner, Portland; R. M. Evans, Forest Supervisor, Baker; R. Irvine, Assistant Forest Supervisor, Baker; James T. Jardine, Director of Oregon Experiment Station, Corvallis.

At the Union Experiment Station they were especially interested in securing data collected by the station over a number of years on growing steers on the range, feeding them during the winter and fattening for markets and information as to the value of different feeds and methods of production including foothill range, summer range in the forest, fall pasture in the fields and winter feeding in many parts of the Northwest and elsewhere.

The National Forest ranges are important factors in the production of livestock and best administration necessitates a thorough understanding of the production problems of the forest; in the fields, and feeding yards as well.

Mr. Rachford has recently spent several months on ranges of the Southwest and in California. He reports most trying conditions for stockmen on the great ranges of the Southwest due to a lack of adequate financing and high shipping costs as compared with the present low market price for cattle. Livestock to consume surplus range and surplus hay of the Northwest are facing starvation because shipments could not be financed.

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BRUMFIELD MAINTAINS A SILENT MOOD

Roseburg Dentist Neither Affirms nor Denies Guilt.

HOLDS HANDS FOR HANDCUFFS

Tracing of Express Package He Sent From Myrtle Point to Seattle Is What Caught Him.

CALGARY, Alberta, Aug. 13.—Beyond admitting his identity and promising to return to Roseburg without extradition, Dr. R. M. Brumfield, who was arrested on a ranch thirty miles south of this city yesterday in connection with the death of Deavis Russell of Roseburg, maintains a stolid silence.

Express Package Catches Him.

The Mounted Police traced Dr. Brumfield through an order he sent from Banff to the Seattle express office asking that a box he expressed from Myrtle Point Oregon, to Mrs. Norman Whitley at Seattle the day before the tragedy be forwarded to him.

The box contained women's wearing apparel and its contents are worthless. Officers quickly located Brumfield and when they confronted him he turned deathly pale, holding out his hands to receive the handcuffs.

Letter Never Mailed.

Under the mattress upon which Brumfield slept was found a letter in his own handwriting purporting to have come from Russell. The letter told of the ride with Brumfield, also of the accident and of Dr. Brumfield's death. It related how Russell changed clothes with the doctor and fled with the letter, which was not signed.

The letter had never been mailed.

Describes His Movements.

CALGARY, Alberta, Aug. 13.—While steadfastly refusing to discuss his alleged crime, Dr. Brumfield willingly told a representative of the Portland Telegram of his movements since leaving Roseburg.

On the night of July 13th he walked to Oakland, where he took a train for Portland, remaining there a few hours and continued his trip to Seattle. He stayed at Seattle a day and then went to Vancouver, B. C., remaining there two days, after which he went to Lake Louise for several

ACCIDENTS MANY AROUND JOSEPH

One Follows Another In Quick Succession, Some of Which Were Fatal

JOSEPH, Aug. 13.—(Special.)—The hand of death seems to be centered on the Joseph country, judging from the number of fatal accidents that have befallen this community recently.

The last one, in which Mike Fullerton and Roscoe Foster met death and injury respectively, occurred while the men were working in a mine up in the Hurricane creek country southwest of this city.

They were running a drift which suddenly caved in, killing Fullerton and rendering Mr. Foster a cripple. After being badly injured, Mr. Foster held fast to the earth and rocks and managed to attract the attention of a man passing along the mountain trail some distance away.

The cave-in occurred about 10 o'clock on Thursday forenoon and it was nearly midnight when the injured man reached Joseph where his leg was dressed. The bones were broken in two places and the foot was badly crushed. However, if no complications arise physicians claim he will recover.

This is the third fatal accident that has happened in this vicinity in the last month. C. B. Saylor, a farmer, was electrocuted while stacking hay and Mr. Wehan and Miss Pratt were drowned in Wallowa Lake.

Mr. Foster, who suffered injuries in the last accident that will render him a cripple for life, is the son of a farmer living near this city. The man who was killed was foreman of some work being done by the Enterprise Electrical company.

Oklahoma Congressman Would Put a Stop to Newspaper Contests

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—A bill aimed at newspaper beauty contests was introduced in the house Friday by Representative Herrick, Republican, Oklahoma, who declared women of today were thinking more of their looks than their homes. An editor attempting to start such a contest would face a jail sentence, under the plan.

BIG CANDLE IS TO BE MEMORIAL

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—An 18-foot candle that can be burned on every All Souls' day for 5000 years is being made here as a memorial to Enrico Caruso, from the inmates of an orphan home to which the Metropolitan opera star contributed \$10,000 a year for many years.

It will be placed in the Church of the Madonna of Pompeii, at Naples, Italy.

Antonio Ajello, maker of the candle has erected a derrick in his shop, by means of which the candle is dipped three daily into boiling tallow. It will be completed in 10 weeks, and will weigh about 1000 pounds. Mr. Ajello has figured that the candle will burn continuously for 13 years and seven months.

MIDGET BABES ARE LIVING

BOGALUSA, La., Aug. 13.—Billie and Jack Adams, twins of Mr. and Mrs. William Adams, are believed by local doctors to be the smallest living folk.

Billie weighed 11 ounces at birth and Jack 17. Mrs. Adams' six other children are of normal size. The midgets appear to be in perfect health.