

Organization of Irish Free State Averts Possible British-Irish War

VIRTUES OF PEACE HIGHLY ACCLAIMED

President Harding Makes His Annual Address to U. S. Congress

URGES LESSENING OF WAR TIME POWER

Co-operation Between Legislative and Executive is Asked; More Tax Revision to Come Later.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—"It is a very gratifying privilege to come to the congress with the republic at peace with all nations of the world once more. It is equally gratifying to report our country not only free from every impending menace of war, but that there are growing assurances of permanency of peace which we so deeply cherish." With these words President Harding opened his annual address to congress. Many delegates to the armament conference heard him voice the declaration that a "gratifying world accomplishment" was being accomplished by the conference.

Harmony Asked. "It is not improbable to hope for the success of the conference," he said. He dwelt upon the help this country could give the rest of the world, but insisted that the nations must do all possible to help themselves. He made a plea for harmony between the executive and legislative branches promising to go even further than already has been done in removing the

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STORED APPLES IN OKLAHOMA

George Marshall, of Imbler Says Middle States are in Financial Distress at Present Time.

Returning from Kansas and Oklahoma where he had shipped a carload of Grande Ronde apples, George Marshall of Imbler, was here this morning on his way home and was not in the best of humor.

He met with no market in the middle states and was forced to store his apples until things look brighter. He says that while country is deeply affected by financial conditions and that to all appearances there the farmers are having a worse time than they are here.

"It takes eight bushels of corn at the price these people are getting to pay for one box of Oregon apples," said Mr. Marshall.

Another Haul of City Property Made by Thieves

Petty thievery has resulted in considerable loss to the city during the past year, according to George Garrett, city manager. The latest loss is that of a battery and set of coils in use on a small pump at the pumping plant along the Grande Ronde river near the city limits. This property has been in use while construction work has been in progress at the settling basin and was outside of the pump house proper.

The battery and coil were enclosed in a heavy wooden box, locked during the night by a strong padlock. Evidence indicates that someone can drive up to the pump house from the west and left by the same route.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY SPLIT IS LOOMING

Non-partisan League, Disgruntled Democrats and Hearst May Co-operate in Starting Paper.

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—A new daily newspaper, fostered by the Non-Partisan League and the wing of the Democratic party which is out of harmony with the Portland Journal, is under contemplation and has already gotten to the stage of preliminary subscriptions to finance the undertaking.

Those identified with the movement decline at this time to make any statements and have replied to direct queries by saying that there has been talk at various times of starting another paper in Portland, but there is nothing definite.

Many Interested. H. H. Stallard, Oregon organizer for the Non-Partisan League; Frank S. Myers, former postmaster in Portland; H. G. Starkweather, newly elected president of the Jackson club, and several publishers of newspapers outside of Portland are identified with the movement, and at a recent conference tentative subscriptions are said to have been pledged, and Stallard presented a tentative proposition as to financial co-operation of the Non-Partisan League.

Stallard said this morning that they were "not yet ready to make public any detailed announcement of plans." More definite action will develop probably within the next two weeks, after the moving spirits have gotten in touch with the various sources of support for the proposed paper that they have in mind.

Hearst Backing Sought. Consideration has been given to wire service and it is understood that Stallard advocates operation under management with the Hearst service, on the ground that in this manner certain financial backing from the Hearst interests will be obtainable.

The conservative wing of the Democrats has been kept quite in the dark as to the movement and has not been invited in on the conference, nor is it understood that any members of that group will be invited to participate, since the venture is primarily a result of dissatisfaction on the part of the Myers-Starkweather group with the Journal and its political activities.

Various members of the conservative wing this morning expressed their doubts as to the ability of the new group to carry the project through successfully, and intimated that it amounted to that faction reading itself out of the Democratic party and into the Non-Partisan League.

CATTLE SLOW

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—Cattle were slow here today, hogs weak and sheep strong while eggs were weak and butter steady.

Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon

Minnie Randles, aged 37 years, died at her home, 1308 Monroe street, at 12:29 this morning. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock at the Bohlen kump chapel. Interment will be in Masonic cemetery.

Over Million for Oregon

Budget Provides for Large Sum for Reclamation Work in State

According to the budget for the fiscal year 1923 submitted to congress yesterday, Oregon will benefit by the amount of \$1,600,000 for reclamation and for the purpose of carrying out the promise of starting the Powder river project. The appropriations on reclamation work are due largely to the efforts of Congressman N. Sinnott. The money will all be spent in eastern and southern Oregon.

The appropriations are as follows: For investigation and beginning construction of Powder river project, \$400,000.

Operation and continuance of Umatilla project, \$500,000, of which \$230,000 is for construction of McKay dam.

Operation and continuance of Klamath project, \$700,000, of which \$275,000 is for reclamation of tule lands.

For the national forests in Oregon the following sums are proposed: Cascade, \$7835; Crater, \$22,688; Deschutes, \$10,175; Fremont, \$5427; Klamath, \$20,249; Malheur, \$5091; Ochoco, \$6451; Oregon, \$20,409; Santiam, \$7852; Shastya, \$16,360; Siskiyou, \$6042; Umatilla, \$10,627; Umpqua, \$13,509; Wallawa, \$9617; Whitman, \$25,201.

BULLETINS

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—Wheat closed lower today, bringing \$1 to \$1.05.

OREGON, Dec. 6.—Members of the Oregon Dairyman's Co-operative league held an animated discussion today over the proposed liquidation suggested by the directors. After the morning session, at which the debate was sharp and personalities were indulged in, the outcome of the vote was problematical, though many speakers declared in favor of continuing the organization.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The Chinese delegates were instructed from Peking not to recede from their stand for an unconditional return of Kiao Chiao leasehold in Shantung and to protect the Chinese interests in Manchuria.

VIOLENCE IN THE ST. PAUL STOCKYARDS

First Day of Packer Warfare Results in Violence

CHICAGO PLANTS NOT BADLY AFFECTED

Unions Declare That Larger Number of Men are out in Plants Outside of Chicago

ST. PAUL, Dec. 6.—Violence marked the opening of the strike at the South St. Paul packing plants here Monday. Several persons were slightly injured when a group of commission men clashed with pickets in an unsuccessful attempt to enter the Swift and company plant.

Earlier in the day strike sympathizers stopped a train carrying 300 strikebreakers to the packing district and forced them to flee under a fusillade of missiles.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—At the close of the first day of the strike of packing house workers, union officials announced 41,000 workmen in packing houses were on strike, while spokesmen for the packers asserted Chicago plants were operating with full forces, while plants in other centers all continued work.

Twenty-nine thousand workers outside Chicago responded to the strike call, according to a statement by Dennis Lane, secretary of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, which called the strike after a wage cut averaging 10 per cent had been decided on by plant assemblies, composed of representatives of employers and workers.

A statement from the packers (Continued on Page Five.)

War Machines May be Limited

Commission May be Created to Handle Problem of Importance

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—The task of forecasting devices to be used in "the next war" is the assignment which has devolved on the subcommittee on law of warfare. Members of the committee are said to hold it impossible to "imagine" what will be the future development in new engines of war or in deadly chemical compounds.

In the comparatively short period which has elapsed since the armistice several nations are understood to have taken steps to perfect certain equipment, one example of which is said to be a 3-inch rapid fire piece for airplanes.

The present idea seems to be to determine a few comprehensive principles in the direction of humanity and let those principles be made to cover future progress in war machines. It may be necessary to set up a permanent commission.

MISS HAISTIN KILLED SUNDAY

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haistin, Formerly of La Grande, Killed in Street Car Accident.

Word was received in La Grande yesterday by Mrs. J. A. Whitty stating that Miss Junita, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haistin, formerly residents of this city but now of Phoenix, Arizona, was killed Sunday morning in a street car accident.

Miss Haistin was on her way to church when the accident occurred. She was active in Baptist church circles of Phoenix and had just secured her church letter from the La Grande organization and was on her way to morning worship intending to deposit her letter in the Baptist church of her home town.

According to the information received death came instantly after the car crashed. The many friends of the Haistin family here will receive this news with deep regret for Miss Junita, while a little girl, when she lived here was quite a favorite and had a large circle of friends.

WILL BEGIN IN MARCH, MOORE TELLS AD CLUB

New Box and Lumber Company is Ready to Start Work on Plant as Soon as Weather Settles.

"We will begin work about March 1st to clear away and start construction on the lumber plant that will handle the Ladd Canyon timber," said W. E. Moore, who is the moving spirit and one of the large stockholders in the new company lately formed of La Grande, Utah and Michigan people, to members of the Ad Club today when Chairman W. H. Leisman called upon him to address the organization at the Foley hotel luncheon today.

This sets a time for the work to start and any doubt as to the erection of the plant or the milling of the Ladd Canyon timber immediately died away as soon as Mr. Moore began to talk. That he is a live wire and the new company is going to be a great asset to La Grande was plainly the belief of every member.

Charles Minnaugh, who is up from Portland to spend a few days with his brother, who is ill, was present at the luncheon and expressed his pleasure at once more being "one of the boys in La Grande," even though for a short time. He said before closing his remarks that he hoped to someday be back in the pine country permanently.

One of the guests at today's luncheon was Mr. Stamps of Spokane, who spoke on the change in business conditions, expressing the belief that general selling must be learned over again because of the period when goods sold themselves.

Dr. Lee Bouvy was named as chairman for the next luncheon.

A subject that created some argument today was whether La Grande should decorate the telephone and telegraph poles with fir boughs for the holiday period, or whether trees should be brought in from the forest and set along the streets. It was plain after Dr. Mosman and C. E. Short had expressed themselves "for" the trees had the best of the argument.

City Commissioner Stoddard asked that the trees be secured away from the highway, thus leaving the security in the mountains stand as it is. This was followed by L. H. Russell, a man who has spent his life in the timber business, who requested that when trees were cut that limbs end waste be piled on the ground so it could be burned by the fire wardens later in the year and thus obviate the danger of forest fires.

H. E. Coolidge, treasurer of the Ad Club, reported the financial side of the Ad Club play last evening, which was a success. Total amount taken in for admissions, \$414.39; expenses, \$291.13, leaving a balance of 213.23 to go to the club. The report was received with expressed pleasure by the members and on motion a rising vote of thanks was tendered to all who took part in the play and to the members of the Men's Chorus, who furnished excellent music.

Teddy The Second Succeeds Father As Cove Neck Santa

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Dec. 6.—The old Santa Claus who gladdened the hearts of Cove Neck school tots at Christmas time is gone, but the task of carrying the toy bag has descended upon the shoulders of his son. Twenty-five years ago the late Theodore Roosevelt played Santa Claus for the children of Cove Neck while a little girl, when she lived here was quite a favorite and had a large circle of friends.

UNEXPECTED AGREEMENT WAS REACHED

Sinn Feiners Declare Allegiance to the British Empire

RATIFICATION IS ALMOST CERTAIN

"Irish Free State" was Created at an Early Hour this Morning; Ulster is not Bound by the Terms.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—England and Ireland awoke today to learn that an unexpected agreement had been reached early this morning between the English and Irish conferees after negotiations were yesterday considered collapsed. The Daily Eirean and the British parliament are expected to ratify the agreement which makes Ireland a free state with the definite promise from the Sinn Fein of allegiance to the empire.

King Satisfied. The agreement is reported as being satisfactory to the king because it involves Ireland's association with the empire. Ulster's consent is not necessary to make the agreement effective. She may withdraw in a month, reverting to her present status. The boundary is to be by the commission.

After a session which lasted more than three hours, from 11:15 Monday night until 2:20 Tuesday morning, the meeting of the government ministers and Irish representatives separated, and a member of the cabinet, replied.

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WORK NEEDED, MEN LAID OFF

Railroad Shops Issues Order Affecting Nearly Hundred—First of Year May Start Work Again.

Although it is claimed by some that there is plenty of work in the railroad shops, the order laying off nearly a hundred men was issued to take effect on December 8th. Many workmen expressed surprise at such an order coming at this time, while others state that it was no surprise because transportation corporations endeavor to make the best showing they can for the first of the year report and they attribute the lay-off order to this cause.

"I have noticed in years past," said one man who has followed railroad work for many years, that just before the first of the year every department is cinched up and as little as possible is carried on the payroll until after the first of January. Immediately then men are replaced and remain throughout the year or until business depression forces a cut. I believe after the first of the year many men will be put back on the job."

Home Destroyed by Fire While Family is Away

Damage estimated at between \$1,500 and \$2,000 was done by fire believed to have originated from defective electrical wiring early this morning at the home of Mrs. I. A. Peebler, 2116 Third street, at the corner of Grandy.

were badly damaged, only the furniture of several rooms being entirely saved. The family left shortly before Thanksgiving day to visit in Idaho and since that time, so far as is known, no one has been in the house.

The building was insured for \$500 but no insurance was carried on the contents.

