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LEADERS WILL SEEK AID OF PRESIDENT

Republican House Delegation to Confer Sunday Night on Bonus

SUSPENSION OF RULES IS SOUGHT

Many Developments in Situation Indicate Possibility of Hard Sledding Through Lower House.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—Republican house leaders expect to confer with the president tomorrow night regarding the procedure in handling the compromise soldier bonus bill. They hope he will approve the plan for the passage of the bill under suspension of rules.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—Developments Friday in the soldiers' bonus situation included:

The return to Washington of Speaker Gillett with the announcement that he was "open to argument" as to permitting the bonus bill to be called up in the house next Monday after a suspension of the rules.

An unexpected visit to the capital by Representative Kitchen of North Carolina, the Democratic house leader, who urged his party members of the ways and means committee to submit a minority report opposing certain features of the bonus measure.

An attack on Secretary Mellon, Comptroller of the Currency, Crissinger, Wall Street and others, delivered in the house by Representative Fear, Republican, Wisconsin.

An announcement by Representative Treacyway of Massachusetts that he and Representative Tilson of Connecticut, both Republican members of the ways and means committee, would submit joint minority views on the bonus bill.

A disclaimer by Secretary Mellon in a letter to Representative Fear, that he had attempted in any of his letters regarding the bonus legislation, to "argue the merits of the soldiers' bonus."

ECONOMY HAS HIT PRISONS

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 18.—Economy has hit the prisons of England and eight of them will be closed on March 31. In addition the wings for women prisoners at Shrewsbury, Oxford, Ipswich, Plymouth, Swansea and Leeds, are also to be closed.

Tax Reduction Clubs Want 25 per Cent Cut

(By Associated Press) MEMPHIS, Mar. 18.—Plans for a state-wide convention of tax reduction clubs starting in Portland March 20, were announced today by J. C. Cooper, president of the state organization. Cooper declared the league's object was to reduce taxes 25 per cent, state, county and municipal.

PLOT DISCOVERED

(By Associated Press) CAIRO, Egypt, Mar. 18.—A plot has been discovered here against the life of H. K. Sarwat Pasha, (since appointed Premier of Egypt) and several students have been arrested. The police seized five bombs which they found in a house.

New Feature at Summer Normal School This Year

PENDLETON, Mar. 18.—Teachers of eastern Oregon will be afforded the opportunity of doing work in a practice school in conjunction with the six weeks session of the summer normal school here this summer, according to an announcement made recently by President J. S. Landers of the State Normal school at Monmouth. The session will begin June 15, and will be concluded the latter part of July. One of the requirements which

M. K. GHANDI.



Leader of the Non-Co-operation movement in India, who was today sentenced to six years' imprisonment for his activities without hard labor.

CHAMBERLAIN REFUSES TO BE CANDIDATE

Declares That Shipping Board Will Be of More Interest Than Democratic Nomination.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 18.—George E. Chamberlain, ex-senator and now a member of the United States shipping board, said this afternoon that he had no intention of entering the contest this year for governor of Oregon. He said he had received many letters urging him to return to the state and get into the race, but that his disposition was to remain on the shipping board where much constructive work could be done.

Mr. Chamberlain did not mention the ticket upon which he had been urged to run, but that was because it was understood that his numerous invitations called for his candidacy as the democratic standard bearer.

"I have told all who have written me that while I felt gratified at the very generous expressions that have come to me in regard to running again for governor, it is impossible for me to make the race," said Mr. Chamberlain. "I feel that I am in a position now where constructive work for Oregon as well as for the whole country can be done if we can only have the confidence and support of the people, and I feel it my duty, in view of the fact that the appointment came to me from a republican president unsolicited by me, that I ought to remain with it, at least until it can be determined whether or not the American people want a merchant marine or whether they want to surrender to foreign maritime nations like Great Britain, Japan and Scandinavian countries the carriage of our export and import business."

"The immensity of this business and its value to America, if only she will stand for a merchant marine, can best be understood when I say to you that in the past seven years we have enriched British shipping interests to the extent of nearly five billion dollars and other foreign countries almost four billion dollars, while America has received only \$3,000,000,000 for the same service covering the same period of time.

"It has made Great Britain mistress of the seas and her receipts from this source are treated by her people as her invisible exports. Believing as I do, that there is a chance to build up an American merchant marine that will carry at least 50 per cent of our commerce, I feel that I at least ought to remain where I am until a fair trial can be given the effort we are now making wholeheartedly and in the face of the strongest kind of opposition which I am sorry to say is domestic as well as foreign."

"MUTUAL HUSBAND"

CLEVELAND, Mar. 18.—The fight here of two women for their "mutual husband" ended when Common Pleas Judge Levine ruled that Russell McFarland, Washington writer, is legally married to Bessie Leusch McFarland, his second wife.

STAND TAKEN ON CARDS BY CONFERENCE

Counsellor Chas. J. Black Explains L. D. S. Attitude Here This Morning.

The quarterly conference of Union stake of the L. D. S. church opened its sessions in the tabernacle here this morning at 10 o'clock. Delegates from all wards in the stake were in attendance. The church officials from Salt Lake City attending were Elder George Albert Smith of the council of twelve, and Hiram G. Smith, presiding patriarch of the church.

Counsellor Chas. J. Black spoke this morning on the church's attitude towards card playing. He stated that the church was opposed to card playing and strongly condemned the practice which he reported to be indulged in by some individuals in the church. The attitude towards cards was that it would lead to greater evils in many instances and that it was a waste of time and energy.

The Salt Lake representatives addressed the conference on doctrinal matters. Another session is being held this afternoon and at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. tomorrow the conference will meet again, the public being invited to the meetings.

State Commissions Again Fought for Their Uselessness

Public Service Commission Called as Absolutely Useless by Astoria City Attorney.

(By Associated Press) ASTORIA, Mar. 18.—That the state is overburdened with commissions, many duplicating work, was charged by Columbia county residents this morning at the hear of the state tax investigation commission. J. W. Day, city attorney, attacked the public service commission, saying that it had been a great expense to taxpayers without giving anything in return.

Funeral To Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon

John William Welton was born at Parkersburg, West Virginia, July 6th, 1848, and passed away March 18th, 1922, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. E. McClure, 1903 Greenwood, at the age of 73 years 8 months and 12 days. He leaves to mourn his loss, his daughter, Mrs. W. E. McClure, and a son, Arthur Welton, and five grandchildren. He was married to Rebecca Miller December 24, 1873. She passed on January 14th, 1910. Funeral services will be held at the Zimmerman & Snodgrass Chapel at two o'clock Sunday afternoon. Interment will be in Island City cemetery.

A Vacation Conference



Secretary of War Weeks, George B. Christian, the president's secretary, and President Harding hold a conference of grave importance at St. Augustine, Fla. The matter under discussion is whether it will rain, spoiling the day for golf.

MILLIONAIRE IS SHOVELING PRISON COAL

(By Associated Press) DETROIT, Mich., Mar. 18.—John Duval Dodge, millionaire heir of the automobile manufacturer of that name, is serving five days for speeding in the house of correction. Today he shoveled coal.

False Alarm Put Detectives On a Search Last Night

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Mar. 18.—The mystery drama of the murder of William Desmond Taylor was relegated today to the list of unsolved slayings today when the district attorney's office today announced the false report of an arrest last night from Mexico, Lower California. Detectives returned empty handed after interviewing a man who proved no connection with the case.

Murder and Suicide Is Verdict Rendered

(By Associated Press) ELLENBURG, Wn., Mar. 18.—A verdict of murder and suicide was returned by a coroner's jury in connection with the slaying yesterday of Andrew Young of Seattle by Tom Vining, veteran railroad conductor, who later shot and killed himself. Young had two sisters living in Albany, Oregon.

GANDHI IS SENTENCED TO PRISON

(By Associated Press) AHMEDABAD, British India, Mar. 18.—Mosandas K. Gandhi, Indian non-co-operationist leader, arrested recently on a charge of sedition, was sentenced today to six years' imprisonment without hard labor.

Operators Want Wages In Mines Cut Down

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Mar. 18.—Anthracite operators yesterday notified the mine workers that deflation in the cost of production was imperative and a readjustment of the wage scale the first necessary step in the reduction cost to the consumer and insuring stability to the industry.

Two Dozen Alleged Bootleggers Nabbed

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Mar. 18.—Fifteen special revenue agents today arrested 24 men after a pistol battle aboard a two-masted schooner said to have been loaded with contraband liquor in East River at the foot of Tiffany street.

AUDIENCE IS WELL PLEASED WITH HARPIST

Alberto Salvi Lived Up To Expectations When Presented by Neighborhood and Ad Clubs.

An evening of perfect harmony was enjoyed by music lovers of La Grande in the L. D. S. Tabernacle yesterday evening when Alberto Salvi, one of the world's greatest harpists, gave a concert on the instrument of the angels.

Salvi's program consisted of twelve numbers and at the end he favored the large audience with an encore, choosing "Mother Machree" for this extra number.

The program was well balanced and from beginning to end he won the hearty applause of his audience. His control of the harp's strings was little short of marvelous.

"Allegro from C Minor" by Zabel was the opening number. Following this Grieg-Salvi's "To Spring" was rendered. This was considered by many one of the best pieces of the evening and during his playing of this piece those sensitive to music of the highest type found themselves transported into a heavenly spring-time atmosphere.

"Bacchante and Norwegian Ballade" were the closing numbers of the first half of the program. Salvi's own "Valse Brillante" opened the second half of the program. Chopin's "Fantasie Impromptu" followed and then Salvi's "Italian Serenade" delighted the audience. "Dances des Spheres" by Posse was one of the most charming numbers and one of those which showed that a master on the harp can entertain without numbers by other instruments being on the evening's program.

The "Humoresque" by Dvorak-Salvi, was one of the most delightful numbers but unfortunately the entire number was not rendered because of an interruption. "The Music Box" by Tedeschi and "Tarantelle" by Aptommas-Salvi, were the closing numbers. At the close the audience insisted on an encore and the artist only increased the desire for more of his masterful renditions when he played "Mother Machree."

From every point of view the concert was a success. The two clubs, the Neighborhood Club and the Ad Club, who sponsored the recital reported this morning that financially the affair paid expenses. The crowd was not a capacity crowd but the roads being impassable to automobiles limited the audience practically to La Grande patrons, whereas if automobile traffic had been normal there would have been many parties from other points in the county and Baker attending.

N. K. West Store Incorporates, Is Announcement Today

Final Phases in Matter Settled Today and Incorporation is Now Complete; Policy is Unchanged.

Announcement of the birth of the new corporation which purchased the mercantile business of the N. K. West store on March 7th was made today when all the necessary legal features of the sale and the new corporation had been completed.

The articles of incorporation were signed yesterday and those evening stock are: N. K. West, Herman Siegrist, Walter Parker, formerly with Hill's Department Store, H. W. Templeton, Paul Massee and J. D. Smith, who has been with the N. K. West Co. since the store was first started.

The board of directors consists of Herman Siegrist, Walter Parker, who owns a controlling amount of stock, and N. K. West. The officers are N. K. West, president; H. W. Templeton, vice-president; Walter Parker, secretary-treasurer and general manager. N. K. West and Co., Inc. announces that they will follow the same policy as formerly and will endeavor to give the people of La Grande the same high class service that they have in years past.

MORE DIE IN TURMOILS OF BELFAST CITY

Terrorists Quietly Down On St. Patrick's Day but Start Again

GIRL DIES FROM WOUNDS INFLICTED

Bombing and Shooting Reported to in Latest Disorders; Two Dead and One Wounded.

(By Associated Press) BELFAST, Mar. 18.—The terrorists who remained quiet on St. Patrick's day resumed their activities today. A news vendor on a bicycle was shot through the breast and a man shot and killed in Newton-Ards Roads.

A bomb was thrown in Thompson street wounding several. A girl wounded by the bomb died in a hospital. The Newton-Ards Roads turmoil lasted until after the breakfast hour.

BUSINESS IS INCREASING

(By Associated Press) MOSCOW, Mar. 18.—Retail business in certain lines is increasing like wildfire all over Russia. In Moscow, alone in one month leases were granted by the city to 285 new concerns, mostly bakeries and meat shops. The average annual tax or rent for such shops is about 1,000,000 a day. As the daily sales amount to 30,000,000 to 40,000,000, the tax is being paid.

CONFIRMS ALIENS' ENTRY

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 18.—The house Thursday passed a resolution under which approximately 2400 aliens admitted temporarily to the United States prior to March 7, in excess of the 3 per cent quotas of the restrictive immigration law, would be permitted to remain in this country permanently. The measure now goes to the senate.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Mar. 18.—The trial of the government suit to cancel the citizenship of former Austrian Consul Woerndle on the grounds that he loaned citizenship papers to Hans Boehm, German, began today in federal court.

(By Associated Press) MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 18.—Customs officers seized today 505 cases of fine wines and liquors valued at \$50,000 aboard the yacht Patricia, owned by James Shewan.

(By Associated Press) ROME, Mar. 18.—Italy has now a new energetic note to Greece demanding the release of the steamship Abazia and the complete satisfaction for recent incidents of seizure.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 18.—Viscount Peel, former under secretary of war and air ministry and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in the present cabinet has been appointed secretary of state for India, succeeding Edwin S. Montagu, resigned.

Debate Team to Meet Pendleton on March 31

The La Grande high school debate team will meet the Pendleton orators on the evening of March 31, the negative team debating in the Round-Up City and the affirmative team remaining in La Grande.

"Resolved, that the Philippine Islands shall be given their immediate independence," is the question that will be debated upon. Both the Pendleton team and the local orators have been working diligently for the past few weeks and the blue and white representatives are expected to give a fine showing.



Tonight and Sunday rain with strong southwesterly gales.