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CHARGE OUTRAGEOUS SAYS WHITE HOUSE

AGREEMENT IS REACHED TO SUSPEND

Bonus Bill Comes Up Thursday; Four Hours Allowed for Debate

SPEAKER CHANGED HIS OPINION TODAY

Matters Were Still In Unsettled Condition Last Night but This Morning Harmony was Brought About.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—The soldier bonus bill will be taken up by the house Thursday under suspension of the rules under the plan agreed to by Speaker Gillett and Chairman Campbell of the rules committee. The speaker agreed to entertain a motion to suspend the rules. Four hours' debate is to be allowed.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—Asked last night whether the bonus bill would come up for discussion this week the floor leader, Representative Mondell, said: "Oh, undoubtedly, probably not later than Thursday." Speaker Gillett said: "Things are as unsettled as they were." Adding, "The only thing certain is that the bill will come up Thursday."

When the White House callers got on the floor of the house they were surrounded by groups of members eager to learn at once what the president had said about the bill. Representative Garner of Texas, ranking democrat on the ways and means committee, also sought to get public information as to what transpired at the White House, asking unanimous consent that Mr. Mondell have two minutes in which to "open the storehouse of his information" on that subject and also on the matter of when the bill would come up. Representative Campbell demanded the regular order, however, and the speaker sustained him.

Spring Is Here; Put In His Appearance at 1:49 This Morning

Spring was heralded today by a rise in temperature to the warmest of the year and the sun beat down in such a cheerful manner that the long winter through which the Grande Ronde valley has just passed is being rapidly expelled from the thoughts of the people.

According to scientists the Nineteen-Two Spring was born at exactly 1:49 this morning, an hour when the majority of Grande Rondeans were asleep.

Old Man Winter's passing out is little-lamented. This was his longest stay in this section in many a year, old-timers declaring that there hasn't been such a winter for all the way from 20 to 50 years.

Competitive Drill of Cadets at High School

The High School Cadet Corps had the pleasure of seeing the crack men of each company on parade yesterday afternoon. The detail was composed of Kelly, McLaughley and Stager of Co. A and Trill, Coker and Jacobson of Co. B. The representatives of Co. A won the three first prizes, McLaughley placing first, on account of his general excellence and especially the snap and vim that he displayed in executing the commands; Stager placing second, a close runner up to McLaughley, scoring a higher technical knowledge but lacking the former's executing; and Kelly placing third, thus giving Co. A 45 points to Co. B's 30.

LEGION AIMS TO FIND IDLE MEN JOBS

National Effort Being Made To Place 700,000 Service Men During Current Week.

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 21.—Their savings exhausted after months of idleness, 700,000 service men of the World War are jobless and in need, according to Lemuel Bolles, national adjutant of the American Legion. A national effort to find work for the men was started Monday, American Legion Employment Day.

Assisting the Legion in its campaign are business men's clubs, civic, patriotic and fraternal organizations and public officials in every state. Fifteen state governors issued proclamations designating Legion Employment Day and urging citizens to employ ex-fighters.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has endorsed the Legion's drive for employment. In a letter received at Legion national headquarters he says: "This is a most worthy object. You know, however, that the membership of the American Federation of Labor is composed of wage earners only. While our membership cannot give employment to the unemployed members of the American Legion, there is no doubt that every encouragement will be given to bring about the desired result. Thousands of members of the American Legion are also members of the trade unions and the sympathy of the wage earners will go out to those who did so much for not only our country but for the entire world."

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 21.—Premier Lloyd George will ask a vote of confidence April 3 on the government's policy regarding the Geneva conference. Austen Chamberlain, government leader, announced today.

(By Associated Press) BELFAST, Mar. 21.—Guns were killed a man in Hardinge street last night. Military forces were sent to the scene and met with a fusillade of revolver shots under cover of which the assassins escaped. The carters struck today in protest against the lack of protection from snipers.

(By Associated Press) INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 21.—The formal call for suspension of work by the anthracite and bituminous miners for April 1 was issued today by union headquarters.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—The White House indicated that the government had not entirely abandoned attempts to bring the bituminous miners and operators together for a conference designed to prevent a strike.

RADIUM EXPERT PASSES COPENHAGEN, Mar. 21.—Professor Johan E. Fischer, who was popularly credited with knowing more about radium than any other man in Denmark, has just died at the age of 54.

He paid a heavy price for his knowledge. While experimenting in radium he lost several fingers. In 1911 he visited America.

WRIT DENIED BY SUPREME COURT TODAY

Capital Punishment Law of Oregon Upheld in Decision Today

MEN DOOMED TO DIE AFFECTED BY RULING

Dr. Brumfield and Slayers of Sheriff Taylor of Umatilla County, for a writ of habeas corpus.

(By Associated Press) SALEM, Mar. 21.—Oregon's capital punishment law was upheld by the supreme court today when that body denied the application of Elvie D. Kirby, condemned for the murder of Sheriff Taylor of Umatilla county, for a writ of habeas corpus.

The decision affects several condemned men in prison awaiting execution, including Dr. R. M. Brumfield. The capital punishment law was attacked on the ground that the legislature exceeded its authority in submitting the proposal for the restoration of capital punishment after it had been abolished by the people's vote. Kirby and John L. Rathie, convicted in connection with the jail break in Pendleton in July, 1920, has had execution twice deferred.

Bankers Backed a Gang of Bootleggers

(By Associated Press) MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 21.—A bootleg ring backed by bankers, who acted as trustees for funds, was reported uncovered by Col. Nutt, revenue officer.

Village Nearly Wiped Out by Flames Sunday

ALBANY, Mar. 21.—A garage, hardware store, confectionery and residence were burned Sunday at Shedd, 12 miles from here. The loss is \$17,000. Volunteer firemen saved the rest of the business section of the village.

REDUCTION OF TAXES AIM OF CONFERENCE

Income Tax Resolution Is Presented at State Taxpayers League on First Day of Convention.

PORTLAND, Mar. 21.—A heated debate over the 1.2 millage tax for the state university, Oregon Agricultural college and the State Normal school marked today's session of the Oregon Tax Reduction League.

The majority committee report recommended an appeal and the minority favored the law.

Dean Walker of Lane county attempted to prevent J. B. Sigler, delegate at large, from speaking, charging that Sigler had made derogatory remarks regarding the conduct of students in the war. Sigler denied this. He finally obtained the floor.

PORTLAND, Mar. 21.—Indorsement of a state income tax was the single accomplishment of the tax reduction league convention at its

Judge Gives Chance To Local Store To Prepare a Defense

Co-operative Store Given Ten Days to Answer to Charges of Alleged Contempt by Alleged Receiver

PORTLAND, Mar. 21.—Somewhat too much haste, believed Judge Bean in federal court yesterday, had been used in summoning the Pacific Co-operative League Stores company of La Grande, before him to show cause why that concern should not be adjudged guilty of contempt of court. He directed that ten days be granted in which the defense might have time to make a showing in its own behalf.

When the contempt order was argued yesterday it was alleged by counsel for R. L. Sabin, named receiver for the La Grande store, that the property had been withheld from the receiver, although there was a court order that the store be turned over to him. When attempt was made to take possession, it was said the property had been sold to another.



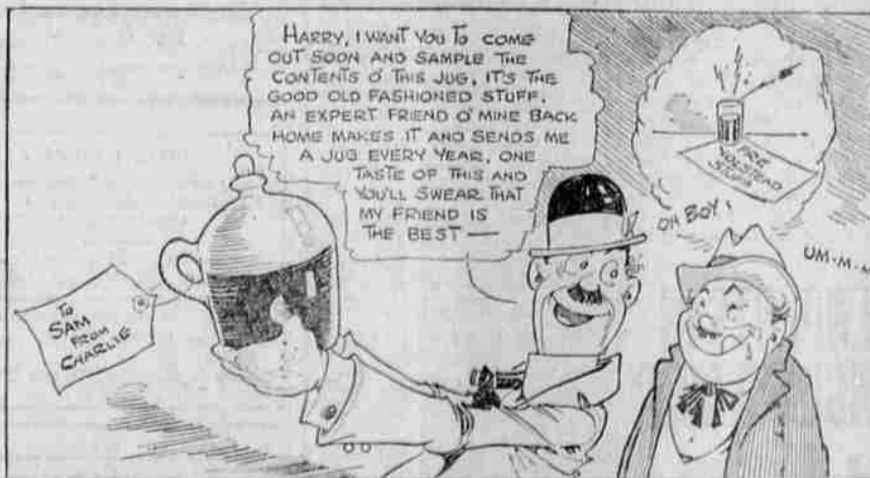
President Harding on the golf links at Palm Beach. Even a few days of southern sun served to tan his face and hands with tan.

BROTHERHOOD TALKS ABOUT DISARMAMENT

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew of St. Peter's Episcopal Church met last evening in Hunan Hall. The main speaker of the evening was Walter Macpherson, national secretary of the organization. He is making a tour of the northwest in the attempt to work up enthusiasm for the national convention to be held in Seattle beginning August 30.

J. R. Martens delivered an address on "The final analysis or conclusions of the Washington disarmament conference." He dwelt on this subject for some time and a general discussion.

IT'S ABOUT THE TIME OF YEAR THAT—



AD CLUB IS ENTERTAINED BY DOKIES

Over Hundred Members of Commercial Organization Guests This Noon at Luncheon.

La Grande will forego a Fourth of July celebration and instead turn its forces behind the Dokie district convention to be held here September 1-2, according to a movement set in motion today noon by the Entertainment committee of the Ad club and supported by the club proper at the big Dokie luncheon at the K. of P. hall today noon. C. W. Moore, royal visitor of the local Dokies and chairman for the day, pushed matters along with a vim. It was a big dinner, with elaborate decorations and elaborate dishes, prepared by the Pythian Sisters. The club expressed its appreciation at the Persian dishes in a rising vote, which included felicitations to Dokies as well. Parker's orchestra supplied the music.

The chairman explained briefly something about Dokies and Pythianism, and then called on James H. Gwinn, of Pendleton, who in 23 years of Pythian service has attained prominence in the order. He mentioned the Pythagorean school from which the order sprang, to its formulation by Justice Rothbone. The importance of friendship as taught by the order was explained.

Marion Davis of Union, another veteran of Pythianism talked on what D. O. O. K. stands for in an impassionate way.

William Miller, treasurer of Khaled Temple, explained the fact that about 3500 visitors will be here for two days and nights, and of the value a community derives from big conventions.

At the conclusion of his talk, F. L. Lilly speaking for the entertainment committee, proposed that the Fourth of July celebration be abandoned and that the heartiest possible support be given the Dokies. The recommendation was adopted.

President Short moved the expression of appreciation previously noted.

The menus were artistic and unique. Nine or ten courses of viands expressed in great quantities. A souvenir letter to the Ad club members and a recipe for making moonshine was also included in the souvenirs taken away from the table.

The Dokies and Pythian sisters were freely congratulated for the success of the entertainment.

POLAND AIDS SMALL FARMERS

(By Associated Press) WARSAW, Mar. 21.—An appropriation of 3,000,000,000 marks has just been voted by the Polish government for the aid of small farmers ruined by the war. Fifty per cent of the Polish refugees now returning from Russia are petty landowners whose holdings have been destroyed.

Registration Books to Close April Nineteenth

The last day in which one may register to vote in the primaries, has been set at April 18, just thirty days before the election. Just one month remains in which those who have never registered or who have moved since last year's registration may register.

All who registered last year are exempted from registering this year providing they live in the same voting precinct as then. Any person who will reach the age of 21 during the thirty days previous to the primaries may register now.

April 19th is the earliest date on which applications for absent voters ballot may be filed. This applies to traveling salesmen, government employees, and others whose business takes them away from home.

HUGHES HAS SENT SENATE EXPLANATION

All Agreements Are Embodied in Treaty Form And Public

WARM DEBATE IS PRECIPITATED

Charges Were Made Yesterday In Senate and Intimated That U. S. and Great Britain Had Made Secret Pact.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—The American government entered into no understandings during the arms conference not embodied in treaty form, and made public, the White House stated today. The charge of a secret agreement is described as outrageous and unthinkable. It is declared further that it is inconceivable that the government should invite Japan to the conference and then make a secret agreement antagonistic to her.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—Presentation in the senate today of a letter from Secretary Hughes denying any secret agreement existing on future British and American co-operation as charged yesterday in the senate, led today to another effort by opponents of the four-power treaty to send it back to the committee, precipitating a warm debate.

Hughes stated in his letter that he hoped to see no "further aspersions upon the veracity and honor" of the American delegates.

Hurlis Rock at Guard and Is Killed When Latter Fires at Him

John Ogil, Serving Life Term at Salem for Murder of Two Men, Victim of Own Rash Act.

(By Associated Press)

SALEM, Mar. 21.—John Ogil, convicted of shooting two men at Claremont Tavern in Portland in 1915, was shot and killed today by a penitentiary guard.

Ogil, serving a life term for murder of George Ferringer and Newt Burgess, had made repeated threats to kill the guard unless he released him from the isolation ward where he had been confined nearly a year.

When let into the yard this morning to exercise he seized a rock and hurled it at the guard, John Davidson, who fired when Ogil apparently attempted to throw a second rock.

CHEAPER BEER!

WYLLIE, Mar. 21.—Barley-growing farmers, left with crops on their hands, are demanding reduced taxation on beer, so it will be cheaper and more drunk.

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April 19th is also the date by which candidates for office may file their declarations with the county clerk. The local county offices to be filled are as follows: One county commissioner, county treasurer, justice of the peace in those districts that have no justice of the peace at present, and constables in all the districts.

All registration will take place in the county clerk's office and as there is only one month remaining before the registration books close, those desiring to register are urged to attend to this matter as soon as possible.

