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CONGRESS IS IN HARMONY WITH HARDING

House Leader Mundell Denies That All Is Not Well

RELATIONS ARE OF MOST CORDIAL KIND

Never In Over 25 Years Has Leader Seen Executive and Legislative Branches So Eager To Co-Operate.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—Congress and President Harding are not at loggerheads despite the impression created by "certain writers and certain newspapers," Representative Mundell, republican leader, declared today in a statement.

"The fact is that there never has been a time in my quarter century of experience in congress when the relations between the president and congress, and particularly the house of representatives, were more pleasant, cordial, sympathetic and harmonious," Mundell stated. "Anyone who will take the trouble to read the recommendations of the president and examine the record of congress will find practically all of these recommendations have either been written into law or are in the process of enactment."

Artist Wins From Playwright in Duel Fought Near Carmel

New Years Disagreement Settled by Five-Round Battle with Hands Encased in Riding Gloves.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 30.—Harry Leon Wilson, author and playwright, and Theodore Crisley, artist, fought a duel with their fists encased in riding gloves near Carmel, an artist colony 70 miles south of here at Daybreak last Saturday, according to the San Francisco Examiner.

Crisley won in five rounds. The feud resulted from a quarrel after a New Year's festivity.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press) CENTRAL PARK, N. Y., Mar. 30.—Capt. Amundsen hopped off for Washington today in an all-metal monoplane which he will take from Seattle in June to the North Pole. Today's flight is to test the aircraft and to confer with government officials regarding the expedition plans.

(By Associated Press) TOKIO, Mar. 30.—Tsunao Hamaguchi, former Japanese naval lieutenant, was convicted of attempting to sell naval secrets to an American naval attaché two years ago. He was sentenced to one year in prison.

(By Associated Press) LISBON, Mar. 30.—The attempted flight from Lisbon to Pernambuco, Brazil, started when naval Captain Saccadura and Coutinho took off at 7:00 this morning. They hope to fly the 4,000 miles in 60 hours flying time.

Power Farming School to be Held Next Week

Newspapers of Oregon in towns where the gasoline implement instruction schools are held, are universally loud in their praise of the good results obtained, and when the tractor and power farming school is opened in Julius Roesch's garage next Monday evening, Union county will have a real treat brought to it. So many people think this is a proposition to sell some certain make of motive power but to this regard people should be disillusioned. It is a campaign to educate farmers and townspeople in the best methods of operating tractors and etc. Mr. Roesch, in whose garage the demonstration will be held, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, has been advised through the Pendleton press, for instance, that large audiences attended the school in that city and that great deal of help has been given to them.

Water System Again Precipitates Much Talk By Commission

SIAMESE TWINS DIED EARLY THIS MORNING

Death Came Within a Few Minutes to Both; Separation Operation Refused.

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Mar. 30.—Josepha and Rosa Blazek, the Siamese twins, died early today. Josepha died first, followed shortly by her sister. Their brother refused to allow an operation to separate their bodies. The twins had been in the hospital for 10 days with jaundice and pneumonia. Shortly before their death Rosa contracted bronchitis. Each of the sisters has individual heart, lungs and stomach. Josepha was stricken first. The disease was communicated to Rosa. Until last night the temperature and pulse of the twins had been virtually identical. But last night Josepha's temperature mounted to 99 and her pulse to 100, while Rosa's temperature and pulse remained about normal.

SPECULATION RUNNING WILD

MOSCOW, Mar. 30.—The pendulum of the Russian soviet clock is swinging, this winter, as far to the right as it once swung to the left, but the Communist party keeps the key to the works and accelerates its movements or retards them as it sees fit.

From a country where, one year ago, private wealth was considered a crime; prohibition of liquor was a state policy, and gambling was sometimes punishable by death, Russia has changed to a land of open speculation, where people drink wine legally and openly, and bet on horse racing by means of betting machines from which the government takes a profit.

These are just a few of the changes since the Kronstadt revolt last March prompted Premier Lenin to inaugurate a new policy. In moving toward a state of capitalism, the government, since the Ninth All-Russian soviet congress closed a few months ago with approval of Lenin's plans, has taken surgical cuts in an effort to change within a few months the conditions prevalent for years.

Moscow awakes each morning to a new surprise. It seems only yesterday that private banks were prohibited. Today, a few strokes of the pen of the Commissar of Finance, and private banks may operate at every corner.

Yesterday, hoarding of gold was a punishable offense. Today, another decree and trading in it, making jewels of it, or anything one could want to do with it are legalized.

"Radical cures for radical diseases" seem to be the government rule. A dozen sessions of the congress of the United States couldn't accomplish the alterations made daily in the life of a Muscovite by the busy scribbling of the 17 pens of Russia's 17 commissars.

SOCIETY FOLKS INVOLVED. PORTLAND, Mar. 30.—Drugs worth \$50,000 were seized today and Hans Larson and Mrs. May Gibbons arrested. Officers alleged that society people were among their patrons.

Suggestion Made by Commissioner To Strengthen Dam by Cribbing; Big Chunks Reported Breaking Out.

Considerable discussion of the water question was precipitated at the city commission last evening when the recommendations of the state fire marshal were read, a part of these recommendations including suggestions as to improving the fire protection of the city by making improvements on the water system that were turned down by the voters of the city last summer.

"The people turned us down flatly last year on water system improvements identical with the recommendations," President W. D. Grandy declared when the portion of the report referring to the water system was read.

Commissioner David I. Stoddard declared that he believed the expenditure of about \$1,000 of the emergency fund of the city for strengthening the dam at Beaver creek would possibly keep it from breaking. Mr. Stoddard's idea is to place cribbing around the dam and fill in with boulders and earth, taking some of the strain off the dam proper. "The dam is about six feet wide and there must still be a lot of strength in it as it is able to hold the water," he declared. "But I must admit that every time I look at it I feel sorry for it. Good cribbing with plenty of boulders, rocks, earth, etc., would, I believe, take much of the strain off the dam."

Mr. Grandy reported that the caretaker at the dam, who refuses to sleep in the cabin but climbs the hill and sleeps in a tent on the hill because of his fear that the dam will break some night and sweep the cabin away, reported that chunks as big as a wagon were breaking out.

No action was taken but Mr. Stoddard and O. A. Kratz, city manager, discussed the feasibility of taking a trip to the dam soon and investigating the possibility of strengthening it.

Many Japanese Are Found Guilty Today On Serious Charges

Prominent Officials and Business Men are Sentenced to Prison for Public Utility Scandal.

(By Associated Press) TOKIO, Mar. 30.—Seventy-one men, including two diet members, six municipal officers, two gas company directors, and other prominent business men were convicted today of connection in the recent scandal in the management of public utilities. Fifty-two were sentenced from two months to two years. The others were fined.

WE'RE READY WHENEVER HE'S READY TO SIGN



FIRE SURVEY DISCUSSED BY COMMISSION

Report of State Fire Marshall Presented Last Evening; Recommendations Considered Reasonable.

The report of the state fire marshal on his investigation of the conditions in La Grande was read and discussed at the weekly meeting of the city commission last evening. Horace Sykes, assistant state fire marshal, was at the meeting and explained the recommendations to the commission. In addition to the recommendations the report contained much statistical material of a general nature.

Mr. Sykes called attention to the fact that for the past nine years the fire loss in this city has been only \$1.00 per capita per year, while in other cities the loss has been much greater. Astoria is an example of a city where the loss is much more than \$2.77 being the annual average per capita loss. La Grande compares very favorably with the rest of the state in this matter, he declared.

"The state fire marshal's office is interested solely in safety first measures, safety for the people and property," Mr. Sykes said. "We are not interested in insurance rates. However, rating is based largely on the fire loss and it is therefore well to do all possible to keep rates from being raised. The tendency at present is to increase rates and once rates are increased it is usually rather hard to have them lowered. The recommendations we offer are made entirely in an advisory capacity and we do not by any means ask you to make these changes. But it is our belief that if they are made as soon as possible, not necessarily this year or next year, the city will benefit."

In the recommendations made it is suggested that the business district north of the railroad be included in the fire limits. As there is at present a movement on foot to withdraw some of the present area from the fire limits this item was thoroughly discussed and Mr. Sykes explained the reasons for fire limits in detail.

"Baker City is an example of the penalties that must be paid if business districts are not segregated for fire purposes," he said in this connection. "Frame buildings are scattered throughout the business section and the resulting increase in protection paid by the business houses of Baker is enormous. If you place the north side business section within the fire limits it will not mean that any existing frame buildings will be torn down. It will simply mean that there will be no more frame buildings erected in that area, protecting the entire section from possibility of fire spreading rapidly."

"If the section of the present fire district that owners of property want withdrawn is to be utilized exclusively for residences there would be no objection," he said in this connection. (Continued on Page Five.)

Dublin Paper Wrecked Today

Freeman's Journal Raided; Machinery Smashed; Building Burned

(By Associated Press) DUBLIN, Mar. 30.—Fifty undisguised raiders wrecked the plant of the Freeman's Journal today. They cut telephone wires. They threw gasoline on the floors and set the building on fire. The raid is believed to be a sequel to the publication of secret proceedings at the convention of the DeValera section of the Irish Republican Army Sunday.

COUNTRY CLUB DIRECTORS TO MEET TONIGHT

The directors of the La Grande Country club will meet this evening at 7:30 at the office of the La Grande Grocery company to review the work of the past year and prepare reports for the annual meeting of the club membership, which will be held at the Foley hotel at 7 o'clock next Monday evening.

Much interest has been shown in the past winter and a big attendance of the membership is anticipated at Monday night's meeting.

Mrs. J. H. Walker Being Laid To Rest In Portland Today

Mrs. J. H. Walker passed away Tuesday, March 28. She leaves a husband and two sons, Ray and Lee, who were with her at her death. Her sister, Mrs. J. A. McCarthy, of this city was also with her during her sickness. In addition to Mrs. McCarthy, she is survived by two sisters and two brothers. Mrs. Ida Wade and O. B. Trueblood, of California; Mrs. S. Bacon of Sumas, Washington, and Joe Trueblood of Baker. Mrs. Rees McAllister of La Grande is a niece of the deceased.

The funeral will take place in Portland this afternoon. Mrs. Walker was quite well known here and is mourned by a host of friends.

Ford Sued for Many Millions by Inventor

(By Associated Press) MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 30.—Damages in the sum of \$11,000,000 are sought from Henry Ford by Edward Huff, Miami electrical engineer, in a suit initiated here Wednesday. Huff claims that he originated the magneto now in use on motor cars manufactured by Ford, and claims that Ford has not paid him in full for the invention.

Palmer Mill to Reopen Within Very Short Time

BROTHERHOODS SAID TO BE DISAGREEING

Announcement by U. S. Railroad Labor Board Taken As Confirmation of Rumors.

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Mar. 30.—Complete failure of the regional negotiations between railroad managements and the engineers and firemen's brotherhoods in an effort to settle disputes over wages and working conditions was revealed today, when the United States railroad labor board set a hearing for disputes involving engineers' and firemen's rules on all railroads to follow immediately the present wage hearing, which is expected to end by April 30.

The announcement was said by railroad men to lend the first authentic confirmation of the reported split between engineers and firemen and the conductors' and trainmen's brotherhoods. Conferences between the two latter organizations and the railroads are still in progress, with prospects many railroad men say, of reaching an agreement.

Attempts to arrive at a new wage agreement and to settle controversies over working rules were made in three regional conferences which began the middle of last month. Desiring to avoid carrying their troubles to the labor board the big four brotherhoods, which have for years acted with a solid front, requested Secretary of Commerce Hoover to call the railroad and brotherhood heads together to attempt a settlement of their differences. Plans for regional conferences with the eastern roads in New York, the southeastern roads in Washington and the western railroads in Chicago resulted.

Meanwhile the labor board held in abeyance the train service men's rules disputes before the board for settlement. The four brotherhoods were likewise excluded from the present wage hearing because of the board's promise at the time of the threatened strike last fall to settle all rule controversies before acting on further wage cuts proposed by the carriers.

Nine Power Treaty Is Ratified Today by U. S. Senate

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—The senate completed the approval of the arms conference treaties today by ratifying the last part, the nine-power agreement for revision of the Chinese tariff. The vote was 58 to 1. Senator King of Utah being the only one casting a negative vote.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—The nine power far eastern treaty, drafted by the arms conference to carry forward the open door policy in China, was ratified today by the senate with reservations or amendments proposed. The final vote was 65 to 9. The Chinese tariff treaty, the last of the conference pacts, was then brought up.

No Further Purchase of Auto Park Property

The city will not need more land property has assessments, interest for the proposed auto park on the east end of Adams avenue than it now owns there at present and as the result turned down an offer of an additional 1.8 acres directly north of the place owned now, made by Toy Young. The property was offered at \$1,000, having been discussed briefly at last week's meeting of the city commission and final action taken last evening. The recently appointed board of appraisers appraised the property at \$1,100. Under the arrangements decided on by the city commission the board of appraisers will appraise all property that has been taken over for delinquent assessments and the sale price is to be based on this appraisal instead of on the amount against the property.

The reason this change in the manner of handling such property was made was that much of the

Outlook Bright for Prosperous Season; Additional Railroad Milage Is Contemplated in the Woods; Steady Season Expected.

The mill of the Geo. Palmer Lumber company will be reopened in 10 days, or possibly sooner, according to E. L. Kennon, president and manager of the company. The deep snow in the woods has necessitated a shut-down for about two months but with the melting of the snow the mill will again be able to keep a sufficient supply of logs on hand to assure steady operation.

Aside from completely overhauling the mill during the period of shut-down the company has been making preparations for constructing additional railway line into the timbered section. The additional milage necessary for operations this year has not been definitely determined, but it will be between three and 10 miles in all probability.

Several bridges will also be built, one of these and possibly a second one being of considerable size. A large number of minor improvements are being made in the mill as well as in the camps.

The mill will be operated without interruption the balance of the year after reopening, it is expected. Mr. Kennon is very optimistic over the outlook of the lumber industry and believes that business will improve much and that the 1922 season will be a big one for the lumber industry.

Government Dismisses Lumber Company Suit

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Mar. 30.—The government's suit for \$53,000 against the Oregon Lumber company, was dismissed by Federal Judge Bean today after United States Attorney Humphreys informed the court that the case had been settled by stipulation—the company paying the government \$10,000. The lumber company was alleged to have cut 2,399,999 feet of timber from land in Baker county which it had no right to utilize because of a faulty patent.

SOLDIERS DIE FROM THE COLD

PETROZAVODSK, Russian Karelia, Mar. 30.—More red army soldiers were frozen to death than killed in action in the recent campaign in the semi-arctic Karelian woods against the Finnish-Karelian insurgents. A report of the army staff says 145 were killed in action and 257 frozen.

The warfare was a conflict between fur-clad troops on skis and snowshoes in the woods.

ELEVENTH-HOUR ATTEMPT.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—The house labor committee considered resolutions requesting the president to night to invite the miners and operators to meet tomorrow in an effort to avert a coal strike.

