

## ORGANIZATION OF CHURCHES ASKS ACTION

### Appeal Presented to President Harding on Coal Situation.

## PROTESTANT, JEW AND CATHOLIC UNITE

### Plea Made That Government Action be not Delayed until Suffering of Women and Children Becomes Calamity.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—President Harding was asked today to take steps to end the coal strike in a joint appeal presented to him by the commission on the church and social service of the Federal Council of Churches with which are affiliated thirty great protestant communions, the department of social action of the National Catholic Welfare Council and the social justice commission of the General Conference of American Baptists. This is the first time, as far as is known, that these representative organizations of protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews, have taken joint action in an industrial matter. The churches in their appeal asked the president:

- "To call a national coal conference;
- "To get the facts of the coal industry through a government investigation;
- "Not to wait until the suffering women and children of the mining camps has become a national calamity, and;
- "To end the coal strike now."

The statement expresses gratification that the press, as a whole, has been successful in recording the facts in the strike. The appeal of the churches is as follows:

"To the President of the United States:

"We desire to express to you, on behalf of the three great religious organizations that we represent, our conviction that the time has arrived when our government should act to bring about a conference in the bituminous coal industry to end the present strike. We believe that the majority of the people of this country are unwilling to have its vitally important industries subject to economic combat as a means of settling disputes.

"Whenever either disputant in a controversy declines to employ the methods of conference and arbitration, it becomes proper for the government to intervene. It is inconceivable that public action should await until the sufferings of women and children in mining towns should have reached the proportions of a national calamity.

"On March 31, 1922, representatives of the Commission on the Church and Social Service of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and the department of social action of the National Catholic Welfare Council, put before you a resolution adopted by their respective bodies, urging government action looking toward the settlement of the coal controversy. At that time it was pointed out that the operators in the central competitive field, comprising Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, had pledged themselves two years previously to confer with the union in order to negotiate a new contract. We wish to express our approval of the action of the administration in publicly fixing responsibility for the failure of such a conference upon certain of the coal operators who were unwilling to be governed by the terms of their agreement. Our resolution further called the attention to the lack of accurate information concerning the facts necessary to adjust settlement of the controversy and urged that a thorough investigation of the industry should be made by federal authority.

"The administration at that time did not feel warranted in taking action.

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## "DANCE OF DEATH."

### NEW ORLEANS.—Crying out to her husband, "You are killing me," Mrs. Erna Larouse drank poison and died. She had found her husband dancing with another woman.

## L. D. S. Stake Officers to Present a Pageant

On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock the officers of Union Stake of the L. D. S. church will present a pageant in which representatives of the various wards of the stake will take part. The program will open with a song by the primary children, and following prayer, songs, tableaux, recitations and several other numbers, will be rendered preliminary to the presentation of "Strange Visitors." In the center of the stage will represent 12 countries, who will be appropriately dressed, while another group will be the entertainers of the guests from these foreign lands. The officers of the stake have spent much time in arranging the pageant and training those who will take part in it and the public will be given a treat, those familiar with the pageant. A musical admission will be charged.

## EX-GOVERNOR DEPLORES THE MODERN TREND

### Warns University Graduates Against Pitfalls; Says the Strong are Accursed.

(By Associated Press) EVANSTON, Ill., June 19.—Unless Americans learn "the way of life in human justice," they will die nationally, as miserably as the nations that have gone before, Chase S. Osborn, former governor of Michigan, said in a commencement address today at Northwestern University. "It shall be a part of your sublime task," he said, "to blaze a new trail of life and lead the march.

"Delilah did not sap the Titan's power by cutting off his hair. She danced cheek to cheek with him in a sensuous waltz. At least the modern Samsons are undone in that way. The hair story is allegorical and true.

## Predatory Race.

"The white race is predatory and ephyphitic. When it is not preying upon and being supported by the blacks and browns and yellows, it slashes its own vitals in unwitting social harikari for the chance to gorge itself in economic cannibalism. During the last 100 years the white race composing the present allied powers seized three-fourths of the area of the earth and placed two-thirds of the population in tributary slavery.

"The Genoa conference, the meeting at Washington, the council of Versailles are as those of yesterday; met in distrust and not in contrition; for safety first; not for right and justice and humanity first.

## College Caste Created.

"There has been created a distinct college caste. Young people are afraid to say they have not attended a university. Too often a diploma is a social certificate rather than an indication of equipment.

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## BURGLARS GET A YEAR EACH

Judge J. W. Knowles sentenced Rheuben Hoyer and Sam L. Myers jointly tried and found guilty on the charge of larceny in a dwelling house, to one year in the county jail this morning at 10:00 o'clock. Both men are residents of Union, the burglary occurring some time ago when the two men entered the house of Thomas Spence and stole articles valued at about twenty dollars.

## FARM WAGES ARE FIXED FOR YEAR

Although the scale of wages for common farm hands is practically the same in Umatilla and Morrow counties, the wages have decreased about one-eighth in the Grande Ronde valley. The former scale, set by the Union County Farm Bureau was \$40 per month and board, while this year the wages average about \$35 per month and board.

The Union County Farm Bureau has not taken official action on the wage scale but expects to when they meet again on July 1. A meeting was held in County Agent H. G. Avery's office Saturday evening at eight o'clock but this matter was not handled. Nothing else of importance to the public came up at this time.

## DELEGATES RETURN.

The Oregon Spanish War Veterans Encampment held at Pendleton on June 15-16-17 was a success, according to the La Grande delegates who attended. The attendance was very good, especially from Eastern Oregon, although Portland was well represented also. Those who attended from the La Grande encampment were Henry Ritter, Harry Bronholt, Ralph Huron, Mr. Pearson, J. M. Bledsoe, of Wallowa, and Charles Gump. Mrs. Jessie Nelson and Mrs. Chambers, of the W. R. C., were also in attendance. All of the members of the La Grande encampment enrolled in the "Military Order of the Serpent," an organization open only to those who served in the Philippines.

## CONSPIRACY INDICTMENT IS BROUGHT

### Grand Jury in New Jersey Says War Veteran Violated Laws

## NEUTRALLY LAWS VIOLATED IN 1921

### Man Accused of Trying to Ship Guns to Sinn Fein Forces a Spurn-Law of Ambassador to St. James.

Lewis No. 3

(By Associated Press) TRENTON, N. J., June 19.—Col. Marcus H. Thompson, vice-president and active head of the Auto Ordnance company of New York, has been indicted by the federal grand jury here on a charge of conspiracy to ship arms to Ireland in violation of the neutrality laws.

Indictments were also returned against the Auto Ordnance company and seven individuals as the result of the seizure at Hoboken last June of the freighter East Side in the coal bunkers of which 400 machine guns were found. The guns are alleged to have been destined for the Sinn Fein forces in Ireland.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, June 19.—Col. Marcus Thompson, son of the inventor of the Thompson gun and son-in-law of Ambassador George Harvey, indicted at Trenton today for alleged conspiracy to ship arms to Ireland, is a West Point graduate with a 17-year record in the army. He served overseas during the world war.

## Mrs. Cochran to be Buried at Cove Today

The funeral of Mrs. Alex Cochran, who passed on at Pendleton Saturday morning at three o'clock following a long illness, accentuated by an attack of droupy, which was responsible for her demise, was held this afternoon at Cove from the church at two o'clock with Rev. D. Lovess delivering the funeral sermon. The funeral was well attended by many grieving friends and relatives.

## CATTLE WEAK TODAY

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, June 19.—Cattle were weak today. Hogs were steady and sheep weak. Eggs and butter were firm. Wheat was \$1.08 to \$1.14.

## Saved From Mob



When a mob of 200 gathered before the Jackson (Mich.) jail George Straub, charged with the brutal killing of Alice Mallett, social worker, was secretly spirited away to Lansing, Mich., after tear gas bombs had been thrown into the crowd to disperse it.

## Lewis sees a Victory Ahead

(By Associated Press) CINCINNATI, June 19.—President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America, who will meet the railroad union chiefs tomorrow night to consider joint strike action, said that the three factors would win a victory for the men.

Joining forces, he said, is the first and this would have a marked moral influence on labor generally. Second, it would dislocate the transportation system of the nation and, third, it would affect the industrial fabric.

## NEW OIL FIRM ORGANIZED HERE

The Independent Oil Company of La Grande was incorporated last week in Salem with a capital of \$4,000 by Julius Roesch, L. C. Smith and C. W. Bunting, all prominent garage men of La Grande. Announcement made today by the newly organized firm is to the effect that its organization is for the co-operative buying of oil and gasoline.

The organizers of the company include fourteen gasoline stations in the city and they expect to ship oil and gasoline into La Grande in quantity shipments at a saving that will allow them to make a profit on the present price of gasoline. At the prices paid to local oil wholesalers the retailers declare this is not possible.

The officers of the corporation are Julius Roesch, president, and L. C. Smith, secretary and manager.

## FRANCE WILL TAKE PART.

(By Associated Press) PARIS, June 19.—France will take part in the conference at The Hague with the Russian delegates beginning June 26, the foreign office announced today. If political questions are introduced, however, France will withdraw promptly.

## ROB 50 MOTOR TOURISTS.

TRINIDAD, Colo.—More than 50 motor tourists camping along the Santa Fe trail east of Trinidad were robbed in one night by two mounted bigwigs.

## SUN YAT SEN REPORTED ON SHELLED SHIP

### Warships in Canton Harbor Object of Attack Saturday

## ARMISTICE IS ALSO REPORTED SIGNED

### Hostilities Already Have Ceased in Some Chinese Quarters is Report From Tientsin.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, June 19.—That Sun Yat Sen, former head of the South Chinese government, who fled from Canton upon occupation of the city by Chen Ching Ming's forces, was one of the warships which were shelled at Canton Saturday, says a Hong Kong dispatch to the Times.

## Armistice Signed.

(By Associated Press) TIENTSIN, June 19.—An armistice between forces of General Wu Pei Fu, head of the central China military establishment, and Chiang Tso Lin, Manchurian rebel tuchun, has been signed at Chingwan, according to reports reaching here.

According to these reports, Chang's Fengtien troops are withdrawing from the Hanhaihwan sector and hostilities already have ceased.

It is hoped here that normal railway traffic between Peking and Shanghai where it has been obstructed by the fighting on the south Manchurian for some days, may be restored within the week.

## FREIGHTER DAMAGED.

(By Associated Press) MARSHFIELD, June 19.—The stern of the Japanese freighter Ypres Maru was damaged above the waterline in a collision in a fog this morning with the tanker Frank G. Drum. None were hurt and the tanker was undamaged.

## MANY GO TO BAKER.

About 15 La Granders spent yesterday in Baker as guests of the Baker Country Club. The event was enjoyed by all who participated, the Baker people knowing very well how to entertain their guests. Not any particularly good scores were turned in although there were a few fine scores made. The outstanding scores of the day were turned in by J. J. Carr of La Grande with a 44 and Woodson and Patterson of Baker with a 39. By the time the La Grande players were ready to depart last evening the total points of the game had not been determined but it is believed that Baker got the majority.

## PROGRAM FOR CONCERT IS ANNOUNCED

### La Grande Municipal Band will hold forth on Street Corner in Residential District Tomorrow Evening.

A concert of standard numbers familiar to everybody and from the masters of music will be delivered tomorrow evening beginning at eight o'clock at the corner of 6th street and O avenue by the La Grande band. The arrangements for car parking were announced in Saturday's Observer and will be adhered to strictly. The point is that cars may park on either side of 6th street and O avenue and those which are within one block in either direction of 6th and O will be expected to remain quietly through the program. The police will stop traffic on those four blocks at the beginning of the program. Those who must come and go can park outside of the restricted district.

The public will be pleased to learn the nature of the program tomorrow evening. Leader Andrew Loney announces the following selection of favorite and old time opera and concert numbers:

1. Caprice-Mazurka "La Gavotte," Ganne.
2. (a) Concert Waltz, "Blue Danube," Strauss; (b) Popular, "Everybody Step," Silver.
3. "Sinfonietta Elegante," from "Tales of Hoffman," Offenbach.
4. "Pilarim's Chorus," (Tannhauser), Wagner.
5. Selection, "The Fortune Teller," Victor Herbert.
6. Overture, "Poet and Peasant," Suppe.

## G. A. R. VETERAN DIED ON SUNDAY

The funeral of Jacob I. Ricketts, who passed on at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. L. Felker, Sunday morning at about five o'clock, will be held from the Snodgrass and Zimmerman Chapel on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. The deceased has been living with his daughter for the past eight months, having formerly resided at Lomond, Alberta, Canada.

Mr. Ricketts is survived by seven children. They are: J. L. Ricketts, of Brooks, Alberta, Canada; Mrs. R. Plunkett, of Lomond, Alberta, Canada; Mrs. F. L. Felker, of La Grande; Frank Ricketts, of Lavers, Alberta, Canada; W. B. Ricketts, of Lewiston Idaho; J. I. Ricketts, of Portland, and Mrs. H. Evnk of Lomond, Alberta, Canada. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. will have charge of the funeral service, the deceased having served in the 63rd Indiana regiment.

## CO-OPERATION PLANNED.

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, June 19.—Co-operation between a committee of mid-west farm bureau members and officers of the U. S. Grain Growers' Inc., was announced today as the latest detail of the grain growers' selling plan under which the organization will attempt to acquire seats on the Chicago and Minneapolis stock exchanges and will also make sales contracts direct with consumers.

## BOARDS UNDER CHURCH.

PECKHAM, Eng.—Half a dozen boards were found in a passage under St. Jude's church. One arrest has been made.

## DRIVE IS TO BE CONTINUED

The drive for the reinstatement of the war risk insurance among the ex-service men is the main subject of interest in the local American Legion Post No. 43 this week. The drive was commenced last week and will continue until the end of the month, the quota of \$100,000 having been set to be reinstated in Union county.

Although the local legionnaires have not been able to devote the time that they wish to on the drive, they are hopeful that the quota will be raised in the necessary time. They urge the ex-service men to visit the drive headquarters in the Rd Cross headquarters and attend to the matter, as the local men will not be able to canvass the town.

## NEW BISHOP INSTALLED.

The Union stake presidency, W. D. Hanks, president and C. J. Black first counsellor, went to Cove Sunday to release Bishop H. M. Mitchell and counsellors Samuel Harry Weimer and Robert Baxter. Bishop Mitchell is moving to Ogden. The new bishop installed was Samuel Harry Weimer with Lewis Peck as first counsellor and Smith Mitchell second counsellor.

## Mills in Northwest are Loaded Down with Orders

The latest issue of the Four L Bulletin, issued by the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, gives an optimistic tone to the lumber market and calls attention to the decreasing amount of unemployment and increases in wages granted by mills in the organization. The following comment is made on the lumber market:

"The character of reports from all districts is mildly optimistic. There is more business now than there has been for months with nothing resembling a boom in sight. Lumber sales show wider spread of grades and larger volume. Orders for railroad car material reflect nation-wide activity in both car repair work and new car building. Inquiries show that future buying from some localities depends on crops which are still uncertain and labor conditions that are as yet unsettled. On the whole, business is good. Production and shipments are well up to capacity and every effort is being made to maintain a satisfactory, healthy condition. For the present some orders are being withheld pending freight rate reductions which will be effective July 1."

The employment situation is summarized as follows:

"Unemployment is steadily decreasing. Seasonal demand for outdoor labor and opportunities for employment in the mines and other industries has brought unemployment almost to a minimum. The coal miners' strike continues to drag along without new features. The textile strike of New England has the appearance of a deadlock. Builders' wages are still resulting in serious outbreaks in some sections."



## TARIFF-BONUS TANGLE IS A KNOTTY ONE

### Action of Republicans in Senate Expected to be Contested.

## MINORITY LEADER ANNOUNCES PLAN

### Majority Party Voted Today to Sidetrack the Bonus Until Tariff is Out of the Way.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, June 19.—The senate republicans in conference today voted 30 to 9 against laying aside the tariff bill to consider the soldier bonus. A resolution favoring final disposition of both the tariff and bonus acts at this session and before any recess is taken was then adopted by a vote of 27 to 11.

Senator Walsh, democrat of Massachusetts, after learning the action of the republican conference, said a move to bring up the bonus would be made in the senate after the passage of the pending naval appropriations bill.

Among senators said to be planning motions in the senate to lay aside the tariff measure and proceed with the bonus were La Follette, Republican, Wisconsin; Johnson, Republican, California; Ashurst, Democrat, Arizona, and Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts.

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## Weather

Forecast for Today and Tomorrow