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WAR PROFITS LOST CANNOT BE RECOVERED

Supreme Court Rules That Anticipated Profits Are Really Lost.

MINIMUM WAGE LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Supreme Court Holds That Attempt to Regulate Minimum Wages Paid Women By Congress is Not Good.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Apr. 9.—Anticipated profits lost through the cancellation of war contracts cannot be recovered from the Federal government, the supreme court held today in three cases.

Law Unconstitutional.
WASHINGTON, Apr. 9.—The minimum wage law, by which congress sought to regulate minimum wages paid women and minor girls in the District of Columbia, was declared unconstitutional today by the supreme court.

Of Vital Importance.
WASHINGTON, Apr. 9.—While the validity of none of the state minimum wage laws was directly under attack in the case, the decision was regarded as of vital importance, the counsel agreeing that if congress had no constitutional right to enact such a law in the District of Columbia the right of state legislatures to do so was called in question. California, Kansas, Oregon, New York, Wisconsin, Washington, all having wage fixing statutes, intervened in the case.

PORTLAND OPENS HOME BABY SHOW

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, April 9.—The third annual home beautiful exposition held under the auspices of the Portland Realty Board, opened here today for a week. Many lively features are included in addition to a wide variety of displays of things going into the construction of a home. The municipal auditorium is filled with booths. A masked woman is to visit various civic clubs during the week and on the final night of the show she will doff her mask. A cash prize will be given to the exhibition visitor who can pick her out in the crowd. A baby show is another feature.

CONTINUOUS DANCE RECORD SHATTERED. 40-HOUR ONE MADE

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Apr. 9.—Alice Cummings, San Antonio, whose recent record of 27 hours of continuous dancing was bettered by Ruth Mollrek and Jack Butler, today set a new record of forty hours and continued trying for fifty hour record. She tired seven male partners.

Italian Princess United In Marriage to Cavalry Captain Bergolo in Rome

(By Associated Press)
ROME, April 9.—Princess Yolanda, the eldest daughter of King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena, was married today to Count Cavi Di Bergolo, cavalry captain, who holds a decoration for bravery in the World War. A civil ceremony in the grand hall of Quirinal Palace was followed by religious rites in Pauline Chapel, also within the Quirinal.

HARDING BACK AT DESK TODAY TRIP SUCCESS

Nation's Chief is Preparing for Western Trip to Take Place in June.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, April 9.—Invigorated by five weeks vacation, President Harding is back at his desk today, arriving here at 8:30 o'clock. He spent an hour going over mail before seeing his first visitors, Charles E. Hughes and Herbert Hoover.

Plans Western Trip.
WASHINGTON, April 9.—President and Mrs. Harding returned to Washington Sunday from their five weeks' southern vacation. The presidential party arrived shortly after noon and went directly to the White House.

To Clean Up Problems.
A number of matters of importance will receive the attention of the chief executive during the coming weeks and the president is described as most anxious to get as many as possible, if not all, of them out of the way before the middle of June, the time tentatively selected for the beginning of the proposed western trip.

The president has not as yet finally decided on the western trip, having deferred his decision until after the vacation trip on account of Mrs. Harding's health.

PLAGUE DEATHS ARE MOUNTING

(By Associated Press)
SIMLA, India, April 9.—The plague is raging in almost all the provinces of India. The statistics for the week ending March 21, give 9000 new cases for all India, of which 8000 were fatal. The death rate is especially heavy in the central provinces, the united provinces, Bombay, Presidency, Punjab and Delhi. In Calcutta there have been only three deaths. All possible remedial and preventive measures have been taken by the authorities.

K. C. SCHOOL CHAMPS.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, April 9.—Kansas City high school, champions of Kansas, won the national invitation interscholastic basketball tournament at the University of Chicago by defeating Rockford, Ill., high school, 43 to 21.

UPRISING OF BUSINESS IS CONTINUING

NEW YORK, Apr. 9.—Although considerable irregularity was apparent in the chief financial markets during the past week, reports from individual districts showed that the strong upswing in business is being continued.

Pig iron production is at a new high level for all time and similar condition probably exists with regard to steel. The secondary buying movement in steel products which started last December, and which was super-imposed on one that had begun in the spring has come to a pause. This is explained, however, by the fact that production is now extraordinarily large and that consumers are assured all the steel which their plants can handle.

Auto Output Increasing.
That other branches of industry are operating at what amounts to capacity may be seen from the figures for automobile production for March. Some 346,000 cars were manufactured in that month, which exceeds by \$7,000 the best previous record made in June of last year. Over twice as many cars were made in the first three months of this year than last, the total being slightly more than 867,000. Makers believe that the total for the year will be 3,000,000 but point out, significantly, that favorable conditions will be needed in the materials market.

The railway car loadings also add their testimony to the other evidences of intense activity, continuing to set new high records for the season of the year. In this connection much interest has been displayed in the program announced by the American Railway association. Anticipating further gains in traffic and a wholly unprecedented autumn movement of freight, the railroads have authorized the expenditure of \$1,100,000,000 this year for the expansion of their rolling stock and other facilities. This amount will supplement an expenditure of \$440,000,000 for a similar purpose last year.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Apr. 9.—Hard White \$1.35; Western Red \$1.18.

BUSINESS TO CLOSE
Upon request of the Union County Ad club and the La Grande American Legion Post No. 43, the business and professional circles of LaGrande will join with the Neighborhood club in observing the tree planting program to be held tomorrow afternoon. All establishments will be closed at 3 o'clock, to the end that everyone may join in the program at Riverside Park and the dedication of the trees.

Plans Ready For Tree Planting Tomorrow

Print Busy Business Man Brief News Budget; But Ten Minutes of Reading

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Apr. 9.—The New York Herald announces that commencing tomorrow, it will issue a miniature newspaper for the busy man, which can be read in ten minutes, in addition to the regular edition.

Frank Munsey, publisher, said that the busy man has not more than twenty minutes for the morning newspaper, and there is well high twenty hours resulting in the New York Herald.

URGES ACTION TO INTENSIFY GIFT CAMPAIGN

Professor P. L. Campbell, of the U. of O., Makes His Annual Report.

EUGENE, April 9.—Immediate intensification of the gift program of the University of Oregon, designed to gain for the institution the funds needed for land, buildings and equipment, is suggested to the board of regents in the annual report of President P. L. Campbell of the university, submitted Saturday, April 7.

Pointing out the vital connection between higher education and the progress of the state, material as well as educational, President Campbell declared that with the increasing numbers and the high standard of work done, funds for maintenance only are all that can be expected from the state for a number of years.

Additional Funds Needed.
"Unless an additional source of income is found in gifts," said the president, "other the students will fail to get the type of education which is their due or the attendance must be sharply limited by arbitrary methods."

An organization, already formed and functioning, consisting of alumni and other friends of the university, the president reported, is ready to carry on the work intensively if the plan meets with the approval of the regents.

"With practically the same income as in 1921 and 1922," the report points out, "the university will be obliged to provide during the biennium accommodations and instruction for some 20 per cent more students than at present, and fully 50 per cent more than at the beginning of the last biennium." Statistics of enrollment cited show a growth from 956 in 1917-18 to 24069 in the present year.

Colleagues Too Numerous?
The president deals with the question whether the number taking college work is too large. "Statistics," he says, "show that only one-half of one per cent of the population of the United States is in college, and

All is in readiness for the official observation of tree-planting day in La Grande tomorrow. About 250 Norway maples, in exceptional condition, arrived here and the advance guard of tree-planters, under the supervision of an expert tree-planter, began setting out the trees along Victory Way, which begins at Harris Grocery, on S. avenue, continuing down the avenue to the fair grounds then turning up Spruce street and thence going to the Riverside park. All of the trees with the exception of those to be planted by the civic organizations tomorrow, will be in the ground before the exercises are ready to begin. The holes have been dug, fertilizer and soil prepared, and those in charge look for an almost 100 per cent growth of the young maples.

All citizens of La Grande and all who are in the city are not only cordially invited to attend the services but are requested and urged to be present. The business men will close their doors at three o'clock upon the request of the Ad club, the Neighborhood club and the American Legion, who are uniting jointly in the observance and all La Grande is expected to be present at the program, to be held at the park, and the trees.

AD CLUB MEETS AT K. OF P. HALL

War Veterans' Employment and Old Oregon Trail Pageant to Be Discussed.

The Ad club luncheon, to be held tomorrow noon, will be at the K. of P. hall, according to the latest arrangements reported by G. L. Dutton, chairman of the day. The Presbyterian ladies will be caterers. W. T. McNulty, of the employment bureau of the United States Veterans Aid Bureau, will be present and will be the chief speaker on the program, talking on the "employment of war veterans who have been trained in the vocational division of the V. A. B."

Great Northern Railway Valued at \$395,353,655.00

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, April 9.—A tentative valuation of \$395,353,655 was fixed today by the Interstate Commerce Commission upon the Great Northern railroad system, the largest railroad property yet valued by that body.

THE WEATHER.
(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, April 9.—Fair tonight, Tuesday fair in the east, probably showers in the west portion.

Investigation of Oil Frauds Now On in Texas Will Take About 2 Years

PORT WORTH, Tex., Apr. 9.—Declaring that it will take more than two years for the government to complete its investigation of oil frauds which are being operated in Texas, and thru which the prosecution asserts, thousands of people in every part of the country are being fleeced out of more than one hundred million dollars a year, the government Sunday is preparing to enter upon the second week of starting developments in its probe.

MOUNTAIN ROAD HARD TO TRAVEL OPENS APRIL 15

Five and One-Half Miles of Blue Mountain Road Is Block to Unassisted Motorists.

"Snow has been removed with snow plows over the entire road between La Grande and Pendleton and it is now possible to travel the macadam road sections. However, there is approximately five and a half miles of new grade that has not been surfaced and it will take about one week for it to dry sufficiently to permit cars to go through on their own power, in the meantime it is not advisable to attempt to drive this road," states R. H. Baldock, division engineer of the state highway commission headquarters in La Grande.

Earlier reports that the road over the Blue mountains would be open to traffic by Tuesday is refuted by the above statement, although it is probably possible at this time to make the trip, provided the motorists secure help in the stretch of road in question. If the full seven days are required to dry out that route, the road completely between La Grande and Pendleton will be open for cars driving through without assistance about April 15.

BULLETINS

FILMS RECOVERED
(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Apr. 9.—Police recovered \$20,000 worth of films stolen from the vault of the American Life-Graph company, whose plant here was recently burned. Four boys, accused of burying the films in vacant lots, chicken pens and under rubbish heaps, were arrested, but released when the company refused to prosecute.

PROBE PULLMAN RATES
(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Apr. 9.—Investigation into the propriety and reasonableness of the present surcharge placed against passengers who use Pullman equipment and into the general schedule of rates charged for Pullman car service was instituted today by the Interstate Commerce commission. The times and places for hearing will be assigned later.

6000 WORKERS RAISED
(By Associated Press)
CLEVELAND, Apr. 9.—The American Steel and Wire company increased the wages of 6000 laborers eleven per cent. The wages of other employees are to be adjusted.

THE MARKET
(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Apr. 9.—Cattle weak, hogs steady to lower, prime light \$9 to \$9.35; sheep steady; eggs weak; butter unsettled.

WAGES INCREASED

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, April 9.—The Illinois Steel company today increased the wages of day labor eleven per cent.

CANAL LOCK IS SMASHED AT DORTMUND

Most Serious Sabotage Committed Since the French Took Charges.

RUHR WATERWAYS ARE AFFECTED

One Hundred Six Families Ejected from Homes; Germans Declare With Ruthlessness.

(By Associated Press)
ESSEN, April 9.—An explosion of a bomb destroyed the lock of the Dortmund canal near Horne early today. The canal is blocked, the trouble seriously interfering with the complicated inland waterway traffic in the Ruhr district.

This is the most serious case of sabotage yet on the Ruhr waterways.

NIBLEY FAVORS HIGH SCHOOLS

SALT LAKE, April 9.—Declaration that "there is today a tendency to over-educate our children" and exhortation of earlier marriages was made by Bishop Charles W. Nibley in an address Sunday at the closing session of the ninety-third semi-annual general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

M. WOOD TRADES HIS STOCK RANCH

Property Exchange Makes Him Possessor of Four Willamette Valley Farms.

Mac Wood, for years one of La Grande's leading merchants, but who for the past four years has been operating a large cattle ranch in the Clover creek country, has traded his stock ranch to E. S. Halboff of McMinnville for four Willamette valley farms.

The ranch owned by Mr. Wood on Clover creek was known in earlier days as the Stevens ranch. It contained 2,400 acres, but Mr. Wood bought 320 additional acres adding it to the place. The ranch feeds a large number of cattle, and Mr. Wood has been producing an excellent grade of beef. The new owner, Mr. Halboff, will personally operate the property.

Mr. Wood will remove to either Portland or the Willamette valley where he will look after the ranches which he has just acquired.

This exchange was made through the Security Land and Savings company, J. F. Phyl of that company having had direct charge of it.

City Police Busy Over Week-End, Many Arrested

Spring fever has hit nearly every La Grander, with one notable exception—the police department. Nothing even pertaining to languidness is evident at the chief's headquarters.

The blotter today shows the following arrests, made over Saturday and Sunday: H. Rainey, speeding; H. Harrison, speeding; Dewey Follett, cutting across; Kate Foley, drunk; forfeited \$15 bail; June Doe, drunk; forfeited \$15 bail; Frank Smith, drunk; forfeited \$10 bail; W. O. Holmes, speeding; forfeited \$5 bail. Looks as if the local police were busy.

Two cases are slated for trial this evening also. Lulu Barnett and Ed McClendon, both colored, will be tried within the city limits of La Grande.

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