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RECOGNITION OF OREGON RULE SOUGHT

Secretary Charles Hughes Appoints Two Commissioners Today.

TO MEET IN MEXICO CITY AT EARLY DATE

Charles B. Warren, Detroit, and John Barton Payne, Former Cabinet Member, Selected.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Apr. 24.—Secretary Charles Hughes announced the selection of Charles B. Warren, Detroit, former ambassador to Japan, and John Barton Payne, former Secretary of the Interior, as American commissioners to negotiate and close an understanding with the Obregon government in Mexico City.

Recognition Sought.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Apr. 24.—A commission of two Americans and two Mexicans, appointed by their respective governments, will meet in Mexico City at an early date in a friendly attempt to remove obstructions to restoration of intercourse and to recognition of the Obregon government by the United States.

Secretary Hughes, in making this announcement Monday, said the names of the American commissioners would be made public later.

A similar announcement was said to be prepared for issuance in Mexico City by direction of President Obregon.

The commissioners will be authorized to discuss only existing situation between the two nations. They will report any recommendations they agree upon to their home governments for final action.

DEATH CLAIMED ELDER MR. HILL

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hill Arrived at Old Home Day Following Death.

While Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hill started for Indiana the moment they received news of Mr. Hill's father's severe illness they did not arrive at Carthage, Indiana, until the day following his death. He died Sunday, April 22, and they arrived on Tuesday. Funeral services were held on Wednesday and for a few days the La Grande people visited with neighbors and friends of the deceased. Enos B. Hill was 82 years of age when he died. He had lived in Indiana his lifetime and was a member of one of the old substantial families of that state.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill arrived home Sunday.

CLARK PRICE NAMED STUDENT BODY HEAD

Clark Price was elected president of the La Grande High School Student Body for the ensuing year at an election held today noon by the high school organization. Clark will take office at the opening of the first semester this fall, succeeding T. C. McDonald, who graduates this semester.

Ralph Webb was elected vice-president and Garnet Bowers received the office of secretary-treasurer. All three elected were given a large majority of the votes polled.

Road Over Mountains to Be Passable in Few Days

With so much paradoxical reports being received as to the condition of the road over the Blue Mountains between La Grande and Pendleton, the State Highway Commission headquarters here today issued a local report to the Observer of the actual condition as observed by members of the local staff.

Weather Forecast

Portland, Apr. 24.—Fair tonight and Wednesday, light to heavy frost to night excepting near the coast.

Smelter Rates Are Being Unified; Commerce Board Orders Two Changes Now

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Apr. 24.—The Interstate Commerce Commission ordered the same rates in effect from Kellogg, Idaho, and North Port, Washington, smelters to points east of the Mississippi, as from smelters in Montana and Utah.

LA GRANDE PROPERTY IS VERY ACTIVE

Mrs. S. C. Zuber Says Demand for Houses and for Choice Lots Is Excellent.

According to Mrs. S. C. Zuber, who started thirty-six years ago with little but a strong will, an honest heart and confidence in La Grande, and who has now accumulated a fortune from city property, there never was a time when real estate was as active as right now.

She backs up this statement by mentioning recent sales she has made of her own property, which include three five room houses, two seven room houses, an apartment house, one double flat and right now she has made on four pieces of her residence property "cooling."

"I want to deliver a little sermon to the younger people about La Grande," said Mrs. Zuber to an Observer reporter today. "The youthful disposition is to seek greener fields far away. But the young person who will get into business in La Grande right now and stay with it can't beat this location any place in the whole country. La Grande is not only a good town, but it has a future. A better future than when I bought my first town lot here. There is more to be made and it will be made much faster in the future. The thing to do is to keep your feet on the ground and place your bets on good La Grande real estate. It is the safest bet I know of and if the young people will just follow this advice they will not want for anything when they reach my age."

Mrs. Zuber is disposing of her property because she wants to quit business, having been actively engaged in building, renting and selling properties for the past quarter century.

BULLETINS

ASK OLD WAGE SCALE

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Apr. 24.—The United Brotherhood of maintenance of way employees and railway shop laborers today asked the railroad labor board for a return to wages in effect prior to July 1, 1921. One hundred and seventy-five thousand are affected.

ACCEPTS INCREASE

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Apr. 24.—Painters decided to accept employers' offer of ten percent increase from \$7.20 to \$8.00 per day and time and one-half for overtime, waiving a demand for double time for overtime.

RAW SUGAR ADVANCES

NEW YORK, Apr. 24.—Cuban raw sugar Monday sold a new high record since 1920, with a sale of 10,000 bags to an operator for May shipment at 6 1/2 cents cost and freight, equal to 8.28c delivered. Raw futures also touched new high records and one local refiner advanced list prices for fine granulated 10 points to 9.70c.

DANCE PERMITS REFUSED

(By Associated Press) GREAT FALLS, Mont., Apr. 24.—Permits to stage endurance dances have been refused by Ray Gaunt, dance inspector of the Great Falls police force. He maintains this form of dancing is prejudicial to the health of the dancers.

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According to H. H. Baldoock, division engineer, who left this morning for the summit of the mountain on an inspection trip, the road was closed Saturday as far as auto traffic without aid was concerned.

It is expected that after two or three days of such sunshine as Eastern Oregon is experiencing at present, that the roads will be dried out enough to be all right.

Rains Would Be Hindrance.

"Any heavy rains at this time of the year would make the road impassable for auto traffic but once the road is thoroughly dried out, rains would make no material change in the condition of the highway," he stated.

Contractors expect to begin crushing rock the first of June and the road will probably be completely finished by August. Once completed, the stretch is expected to give motorists a through highway passable during all seasons.

PRESIDENT ADDRESSES A. P. TODAY

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Apr. 24.—Participation by the United States in the world court, President Harding declared today at the annual luncheon of members of the Associated Press, would be in harmony with party pledges, candid promises and American aspirations, and would not be an entry into the league of nations by the "side door or cellar door."

Excessive friends of the league, the president declared, have beclouded the situation by unwarranted assumption that the proposal is a move toward league membership, while irreconcilable opponents of the league have also beclouded the question with the assumption that entanglements with Europe would unavoidably follow.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Departure of President Harding from Washington Monday night for New York, where he will speak Tuesday at the annual luncheon of the members of the Associated Press, marked the real beginning of a series of speaking trips to be made by the executive during the spring and summer to various parts of the country.

Through these addresses, of which about 15 will be made during a transcontinental tour starting in June, the chief executive expects to account for his stewardship of administrative affairs, to restate and reaffirm the purposes of his administration and to announce and explain the policies he plans to pursue during the remainder of his tenure of office.

Subject Matter Secret.

White House officials, as is customary, have given no inkling of the nature of the address Mr. Harding

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Research Club in Near Riot at Portland Meet

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Apr. 24.—Something approaching the proportions of a near-riot proved the sequel to an annual election of the Portland Woman's Research Club yesterday at the Multnomah hotel, when delegates were chosen to attend the convention of the state federation of women's clubs to be held in Medford late in May.

The factional fight, plainly evident both during the progress of the election and in an aftermath of personalities, had its origin in the division of Portland clubwomen respecting the respective candidacies of Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar of this city and Mrs. Collins Wilkins of Primville, each of whom aspires to the presidency of the state federation.

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Resignation of Italian Cabinet Chiefs Accepted

ROME, Apr. 24.—Premier Mussolini has accepted the resignations of the cabinet ministers belonging to the popular party.

In a letter to Stefano Cavazzoni, accepting the resignations of the ministers, Premier Mussolini says: "If my government were the result of one of the customary or traditional parliamentary crises, the resolution voted by the parliamentary group of the popular party might in some degree have satisfied me. Today it does not, and you can easily understand the reasons."

DISPUTE ON RULERSHIP NOW ENDED

(By Associated Press)

ATLANTA, Ga., Apr. 24.—A controversy between Emperor Simmons and Imperial Wizard Evans for control of the Ku Klux Klan ended today by a compromise, and on motion of attorneys for both parties, the court dissolved the injunction under which the Klan affairs were put in charge of a commission of three.

Under the agreement reached Evans remains the post Imperial Wizard and Simmons is to be Emperor of the Klan.

JEROME BANK CLOSES DOORS

Officials Refuse Statement to Press; Creditors Seek to Avoid Receivership.

JEROME, Ida., Apr. 24.—The City National bank of Jerome failed to open for business Monday morning and affairs are in charge of the federal bank examiner. No statement would be made late Monday by officials of the bank relative to the cause of the closing or the conditions of the institution.

Meanwhile an effort is being made by a hastily named creditors' committee to have affairs placed in charge of the two remaining national banks in the city, to avoid receivership.

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KLANSMEN FREED IN LIBEL CASE

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Apr. 24.—Fred A. Gifford, L. L. Powell, Ku Klux Klan officers, were freed from the Garland damage suit through non-suits granted today by Circuit Judge Rossman, who also granted non-suits on two of three libel charges against Hal land Coster co-defendants.

A single suit was retained, on which the judge held that the jury must pass, affecting Hal and Coster only.

It was whether Garland had been damaged through publication in a Portland newspaper of a list of voters that was filed as irregular in the Hall-Oleott recount suit.

RUM RUNNERS ARE IN ANXIOUS MOOD

(By Associated Press)

VICTORIA, B. C., Apr. 24.—British Columbia rum runners, after several years of fat business, are beginning to worry over the future. A fortnight ago Attorney-General Manson of British Columbia threw a great star among them with his announcement that he had induced the dominion government to shut down on "deep sea" and kindred customs seizures to liquor-laden vessels; now, in the absence of confirming instructions from the dominion capital government at Ottawa, they have begun to recover from their agitation at that warning, there has come a second announcement equally as foreboding.

This came in the form of orders to collectors of customs at coast ports to hold up the bonds on some recent liquor shipments to Mexico until special officers, dispatched to Mexico, have investigated the authenticity of the papers with which the rum boats returned from that country. This is an indication that the dominion is beginning to sink the probe into the liquor trade in earnest fashion.

MINE TUNNEL IS BEGUN

BAKER, Apr. 24.—Three shifts of ten men each were started at work today driving a 6000-foot tunnel at the Baisley-Elkhorn mine, 15 miles west of Baker. The work, which is on the 2400-foot level, was actively begun two weeks ago. The tunnel is expected to be driven at the rate of 12 to 15 feet a day as modern, electrical making machinery already is installed and a compressor is being placed at the property. At this rate of speed less than 18 months will be required to complete development at this level.

J. D. Cray of Aberdeen, Wash., one of the directors of the Delaware mining company which is operating the mine, is expected in Baker this week with a number of his associates to inspect the property.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Apr. 24.—Hard White \$1.36; Western Red \$1.21.

Three Year Old Babe Is Victim of Lockjaw; Was Slightly Hurt in Play

(By Associated Press)

DAYTON, Ore., Apr. 24.—Muriel Clark, three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Clark, died here Sunday as a result of lockjaw.

About ten days ago while at play with her older brothers, she was accidentally struck with a stick in a corner of the eye breaking the skin.

Infection set in and resulted Saturday in the locking of the jaws while she attempted to eat an orange.

PAY INCREASE ASKED NOW BY EXPRESS MEN

Seeks Ten Cents Per Hour Increase for 70,000 of Nation's Express Employees.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Apr. 24.—A request for a pay increase, the first of many such requests expected within the next few months, was filed today with the United States Railroad Labor board by Order of the Railroad Expressmen, asking a ten cents an hour boost for each of 70,000 expressmen, making a total increase of over \$17,000,000.

FORESEE DOOM OF INCOME TAX LAW

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Apr. 24.—Public sentiment is against the state income tax, and prediction is made freely that the measure will be defeated in November. Such is the report received by a Portland friend of the tax who has written representative people in all parts of the state to ascertain the views of their respective communities.

Only reports from Grants Pass and Corvallis bring favorable notes for the law. An Albany observer says that Linn county may go either way. In Washington county, which is chiefly agricultural, a report is received that the farmers haven't a high regard for the law. It is asserted by one correspondent that the farmers union will support the law at the polls, but that the farmers will be divided. In some sections farmers are against the tax, fearing that it will afford them no relief. Elsewhere the working people are of the opinion that they are to be hit and are therefore against it.

Defeat Is Predicted.

Summed up, the reports show an overwhelming sentiment against the income tax and the assertion that the law can be saved in November only by a publicity campaign.

Three reports from Deschutes county give the same view. One says: "It is my judgment that the measure will be defeated in the county. The bill seems to be objectionable in entirety and I question very much whether or not the farmers and working class will throw much support to it." Says another: "I am of the opinion that the bill will lose by a larger majority than the former one."

SON OF MR. AND MRS. O. HOBSON IS LAID TO REST

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hobson, parents of Luekey Oscar Hobson, who so tragically met his death as a result of a revolver accidentally discharged while at play, returned to La Grande this morning from Huntington where they accompanied the body of their son.

GRAIN WAREHOUSES SOLD

PENDLETON, Apr. 24.—The entire grain warehousing system of Arlington and the country adjacent, has passed into the hands of H. W. Collins, Pendleton grain man who operates a string of warehouses in this section. Announcement of the purchase was made by Mr. Collins yesterday. Nine warehouses near Arlington figure in the deal and are said to be valued at approximately \$30,000.

Clara Phillips Reported Arrested in Honduras

(By Associated Press)

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The suspect is being held pending receipt of formal papers requesting extradition to the United States.

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FEAST GIVEN AD CLUB AT ISLAND CITY

Ladies of the Island Church Served a Wonderful Dinner Today.

ABOUT ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS ATTENDED

Oregon Trail Pageant Chief Subject; Rev. Wallis Delivers Delightful Welcoming Speech.

Again that Island City cooking was foremost in the minds of a hundred business and professional men when at noon the Ad club members of La Grande lined up for lunch—no, not a lunch, a real dinner—at the I. O. O. F. hall in Island City.

Mayor Merton Kiddle acted as toastmaster and welcomed the "people from the suburb of Island City" as he termed it. Rev. Wallis, pastor of the Community Church in Island, made a breezy, wholesome welcome address that was a speech full of welcome but it was classic in many ways.

He spoke of the rivalry between Island and La Grande and expressed the wish that such rivalry might long continue for it was the kind that made fast firm friends. Mayor Kiddle then called attention to the cooperation between the two communities and to prove his statement he said that when a straw stack in Island burned a few evenings ago that half of La Grande came out to help extinguish the blaze.

When Floyd McKennon announced a free lecture in the city hall on Friday evening at 8 o'clock Rev. Wallis threw the larrikin of the jokesmith around Rev. Quigley and Rev. Ross by urging them to be present to better understand the habit of the present day "chicken."

W. C. Perkins, who represents Henry Ford in La Grande, pleaded for a tourist camp ground for this season that would be of sufficient size and properly located to handle the stream of cars which he believes will surely cross the mountains. The present tourist camp ground is admitted to be too small and before Mr. Perkins had finished his argument a motion prevailed to have a committee look up a new location and confer with the city commission.

The Oregon Trail Pageant which is to be held on the Blue mountains about July 4th was discussed by A. W. Nelson. He said the financing of the undertaking would be largely by the old toll gate process, but it was necessary to underwrite the expense in case of bad weather. La Grande's portion of the expense is \$1500 and he expressed the belief that only one-fifth every day.

The Palace

When the night can be seen the work. It was also stated that a cavalry company of sixty mounted men would be a part of the La Grande end of the program. This in connection with Joe Woods driving his six-horse team, just the way he used to drive it before there was scarcely any road at all from La Grande to Umatilla, will be strong features of the day's program.

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