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HARDING FOR BETTER U.S. CITIZENSHIP

Holds Preamble of Constitution As "Chart of Our Course."

TALKS TO NATIONAL AMERICAN COUNCIL

President Addressing Society Seeking Better Citizenship, Asks for Patriotic Revival.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Appeal for re-dedication of the American people to the aims and purposes of their government as set forth in the preamble of the constitution was made by President Harding today in an address at the opening session of the National American Council, an organization recently formed to encourage better American citizenship.

"Such re-dedication," the president said, "would furnish a commanding and dominating national interest lacking since the end of the world war."

He declared that the preamble constituted a complete statement of the Union's aspiration. "It is a chart of our course, and an inspiration to make every effort to make one and all better citizens."

\$100,000 LIBEL SUIT IS FILED

Imperial Wizard Evans Is Charging Emperor Simmons With Libelous Statements.

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, May 24.—Imperial Wizard Evans, of the Ku Klux Klan, today sued Emperor Simmons for \$100,000 damages for alleged libelous statements printed in local newspapers.

AMERICAN WHEAT GROWERS START OPERATIONS NOW

MINNEAPOLIS, May 24.—The operation of the American Wheat Growers Association, incorporated, as a successor to the Northwest Wheat Growers Association, has been started with their headquarters at Minneapolis.

George C. Jewett, general manager of the company, made the announcement today following a three days conference of thirty representatives from ten states.

PORTLAND FIRE CAUSES DAMAGE

Six Rose City Firms Suffer in \$60,000 Fire; Cassidy Tire Company is Heaviest Loser.

PORTLAND, May 24.—An early basement fire of undetermined origin last night caused an estimated damage of \$60,000 to the one-story frame building at Broadway and Oak streets and its occupants, the Cassidy Tire company, 72 Broadway; King Bee Spark Plug company, 27 Broadway; Pie Plant restaurant, 70 Broadway; H. Jackson & Co., tailors, 48 Broadway; Lectro Manufacturing & Sales Co., 331 Oak street; City Sign company, 329 Oak street.

Most of the damage was done to the stock of the Cassidy Tire company, owned by George C. Cassidy, and inventoried at about \$70,000. The stock consisted of tires and automobile accessories that were damaged to the extent of about \$55,000. Mr. Cassidy said that he was fully protected by insurance.

Weather Forecast



PORTLAND, May 24.—Fair to night and Friday.

Show Immoral, 14 Convicted

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, May 24.—Harry Weinberger, producer of the play "God of Vengeance," and 13 other persons, including the cast, were found guilty by a jury Wednesday of producing an immoral show.

Rudolph Schildkraut, noted Viennese actor, who played the leading role; Miss Virginia McFadden and James Meighan, three members of the cast of 17, all of whom were convicted, were not present when the verdict was announced.

The entire cast, with Weinberger, was indicted several months ago under a section of the state penal laws.

Court to Be Lenient. Judge John P. McIntyre who tried the case, said he would not be severe in imposing sentence. "Such re-dedication," the president said, "would furnish a commanding and dominating national interest lacking since the end of the world war."

CAVALRY FOR TRAIL PAGEANT

Detachment of Mounted Troops, in Old Time Uniforms, Will Be Present at Celebration.

Arrangements have been made to have a detachment of cavalry present at the Old Oregon Trail pageant at Top O' Blue Mountains July Fourth commemorating the 80th anniversary of the crossing of the Blue Mountains by the first wagon train and in celebration of the opening of the new Old Oregon Trail over the Blue Mountains. Not a detachment of cavalry in the olive drab of the U. S. army of today—but troops uniformed in the old frontier days style, that will vividly bring back to the pioneers pictures of the brave horsemen who secured the plains and fought the Indians four score years ago.

Cavalry equipment will be loaned to the troops by the Federal War Department, according to assurance received from Senator Blainfield, R. R. Huron, post commander of the La Grande American Legion, has been placed on the local pageant committee with the special duty of organizing the troops. The assistants on the committee are Floyd McKinnon, Albert Hunter, G. L. Dutton, Harry Williams and Ben Deacons, the first two to secure suitable horses and the last three to assist in organizing the troops and training the men and horses.

Military Men Wanted. Men who can and will find time of evenings to train their horses are asked to report promptly. Men with previous military training are preferred as they will be able to present a military appearance with less training. Previous infantry training is sufficient as it will not take long to show them the difference in the cavalry drill. All who apply, of course, should be horsemen and a limited number of trick-riders are also needed. The ground to be ridden over, while not suitable for a game of polo, is considered very good for the purpose.

Horses Desired. The type of horses desired are in the neighborhood of 1100 to 1150 pound type, any color excepting white, and should be well broken. Any one with a suitable horse who is willing to loan him for this purpose is asked to report to the above mentioned committee.

Most men already lined up for the troop will be able to furnish their own mounts. In all cases where a rider used a borrowed horse, he will be required to see the owner personally and make arrangements so that the owner may be satisfied that his horse will receive proper care.

The present plan is to assemble the horses at the old fair grounds in advance for training. Date of assembly will be announced later.

Lorna Coolidge and Ralph Poston Seeking Degrees

EUGENE, May 24.—Lorna Coolidge and Ralph Poston of La Grande are candidates for degrees at the coming University of Oregon commencement. Lorna Coolidge is a major in the Department of Drama and the Speech Arts; and Ralph Poston is completing his work in June in the Zoology Department.

Two hundred and thirteen students are candidates for degrees, according to the record of Carlton Spencer, Registrar. Degrees will be granted as follows: bachelor of arts, 126; bachelor of science, 34; bachelor of science in architecture, 1; bachelor of science in business administration, 21; bachelor of arts in journalism, 14; bachelor of science in journalism, 1; bachelor of law, 1; bachelor of music, 3; doctor of jurisprudence, 2.

Lorna Coolidge has been prominent throughout her college career in University plays, taking the title role in several. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Poston has been a member of the men's glee club for several years.

CURZON WILL CONTINUE IN FOREIGN POST

Premier Baldwin Has Busy Day Considering Ministry Formation.

CHANCELLORSHIP IS OFFERED, REFUSED

Sir Robert Stevenson Horne Invited to Take Post; Turns Back On Offer Made.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, May 24.—Premier Baldwin has been busy throughout the day consulting with his colleagues and the political leaders, but it is not expected that he will be in a position to submit a list of the new ministry to the king before Thursday. Four appointments Wednesday night are certain—Marquis Curzon as foreign secretary; the earl of Derby, war secretary; Col. Sir Samuel J. Hoare, secretary of state for air; and Lieut. Col. Leslie Orme Wilson, chief whip.

Apparently Mr. Baldwin took the opportunity of his accession to the premiership to effect a reconciliation of the differing sections of his party, and as a first step invited Sir Robert Stevenson Horne to become chancellor of the exchequer. It was supposed Tuesday that Sir Robert had accepted, but in a speech at Glasgow Wednesday night he said: "For a time at least I have turned my back on any prospect of any office in any ministry."

Thus the new premier's first effort at reconciliation failed, and Mr. Baldwin has the difficult task of finding a new chancellor, since it is not likely he would care to assume the heavy task of double role of premier and leader in the house of commons combined with the chancellorship.

Bryan Elated Over His Victory in Fosdick Case

(By Associated Press) INDIANAPOLIS, May 24.—Bryan is elated over his victory late yesterday in forcing the adoption by the Presbyterian general assembly of the resolution in the Fosdick case directing the New York presbytery to require preaching in the First Presbyterian church of New York City to conform to the Presbyterian doctrine.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 24.—The Presbyterian General Assembly today reinstated Reverend Thomas J. Irwin, of Lawton, Okla., suspended a year ago by the El Reno Presbytery for performing a marriage ceremony with the principals attired in bathing suits.

Decapitates Boy At Rieth

PENDLETON, May 24.—Clayton Bickerdick, 17-year-old son of Mrs. Eva Tate, was instantly killed last night about 6 p. m. near the roundhouse at Rieth, when he stepped in front of a big mallet engine backing out of the roundhouse. The boy's head was severed from his body and his arm and leg cut off.

Bud McGarry, hostler in the roundhouse had just taken his big engine out of the roundhouse and was on the turntable, when young Bickerdick left train number 3211, as a supply boy, and stepped on the track.

Just as the boy came in front of the engine it moved toward him and struck him, dealing instant death. McGarry declares he did not see the boy at all.

This was the boy's seventeenth birthday. Coroner J. T. Brown went to Rieth immediately and returned with the body. An inquest will be held.

ANNUAL ROLL CALL TONIGHT

Women of Mooseheart Legion Meet This Evening for Third Annual Roll Call.

The Women of Mooseheart Legion will meet tonight at the L. O. O. F. hall for their third annual roll call. A very entertaining program has been arranged by the entertainment committee, partially consisting of vocal and instrumental solos, a chorus of girls' voices, and also two prominent local black-face comedians, who are artists in that line, have been secured to dispense the humor and to add zest to the program.

All members of the Moose lodge and their wives are invited. A large delegation of the Moose lodge from both Baker and Enterprise will be present at the meeting.

May Choose Pendleton As Registration Place

PENDLETON, May 24.—That Pendleton may be the seat of one of the offices maintained in the state for the registration of foreign cars in the state was divulged here today by the visit of Sam A. Kozor, secretary of state. According to a law passed by the recent session of the legislature, all foreign cars that come into Oregon will have to be registered. The make and model of the car, license number and where license was issued, engine number and proof of ownership will be required of drivers of cars licensed in states other than Oregon. There will be no fee required for the registration.

No definite decision as to whether Pendleton will be one of the cities chosen will be made until Mr. Kozor returns here Friday. He will leave this evening for Ontario, where it is planned to have a registration office. One has already been established at Medford. Portland is the seat of an office. California has had the same law for a number of years.

GARDENING AS SHE IS



POLITICS ARE SLOWING UP NEGOTIATIONS

Minister Schurman Says Chinese Politics Complicating Things.

J. P. POWELL SAID ON PAROLE NOW

Released to Take Part in New Conference for Release of Suchow Bandits' Captives.

(By Associated Press) SHANGHAI, May 24.—J. P. Powell, American newspaper publisher of Shanghai, taken captive by Chinese bandits, began a parole today to take part in a new conference for the release of the captives.

Release Complicated.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, May 24.—Minister Schurman, at Peking, advised the state department that the task of obtaining release of American and other foreign captives was being complicated by Chinese politics. He said that certain hostile factions were using the bandit outrage to discredit the Chihhi party, the Peking government and Tsao-Kun, who has been a candidate for the presidency.

NEW GASOLINE TAX IS EFFECTIVE TODAY

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, May 24.—Gasoline prices throughout the entire state will advance 1 cent today, the law passed by the last legislature authorizing an additional 1-cent tax on gasoline going into effect at this time. The new tax raises the state tax on gasoline from 2 cents a gallon to 3, and will bring in, it is estimated, approximately half a million dollars in additional revenue for the state road fund.

The law providing for the registration of outside motorists visiting Oregon, which likewise was passed at the last session, goes into effect today also, and from now on all motorists coming into the state will be required to register within 72 hours of the time of entrance and to carry stickers of registration upon the windshields of their cars for the period of their visit in the state.

SIX LIVES LOST IN COLLISION OF PASSENGER TRAINS

DALLAS, Texas, May 24.—Texas and Pacific railway officials today asked the sheriff for blood hounds to trail parties alleged to have lamped with a switch at Potham siding, causing a collision of two passenger trains with a loss of six lives early today.

Tiny Policeman Arrests Seven

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, May 24.—A good policeman is not necessarily a big one, Chief Collins learned Wednesday when a special report from a precinct commander told of a simultaneous arrest of seven "bad men," four of whom were armed, by Patrolman William McAvoy, the smallest man on the Chicago force.

McAvoy, a veteran of the service, registers five feet in height with something of an effort, and is of slight build. Seven men in an automobile sped away from a corner of his beat as McAvoy hove in sight. The officer drew his gun, and leaped on the running board, covered the chauffeur, disarmed his companions, lined them up according to height, himself at the end of the string, and marched single file to the police station.

O.-W. CROSSING IS PETITIONED

Asks Either Overhead or Undergrade Crossing of Tracks at Alder and Crook

A petition presented by property owners and residents of the district affected, to the city commissioners last evening asked for its order from the commission to the public service commission of the State of Oregon asking for either an overhead or undergrade crossing of the O.-W. railroad tracks at the intersection of Alder and Crook.

Due to the fact that Commissioner C. J. Black was absent, the matter was laid over for future consideration following a period of general discussion.

A petition was also received asking the improvement of Oak street from the pavement line of Washington to the south line of Grandy avenue, by installing a 20-foot width of pavement, curbs, etc. After a brief discussion the petition was granted.

Warns Radio Fans.

A communication from the U. S. I. & P. company at Baker called the commissioners' attention to the fact that the installation of radio wires should be placed under the control of experienced wiremen either by ordinance or otherwise, citing as one of the reasons the danger in inexperienced laymen attempting to lay wires. Recently a radio wire, being laid by two Baker boys, fell onto one of the light poles, causing a high power wire and serious injury was averted only by luck. The matter was referred to the city manager.

Create Improvement District.

Improvement District No. 124 was created last evening, resolutions being passed ordering plans and specifications prepared. Commissioners Brown and Williams were appointed as a committee on estimates, and June 29, at 7:30 p. m., at the commission meeting, was named as the time for the hearing of all remonstrances on the improvement district.

James Mahady was before the commission last evening and asked that assessments against his property on Fir street be reduced, claiming that they were out of proportion to the valuation of his property. The matter was laid over for investigation.

Several other minor matters were attended to before adjournment.

NORWAY'S PREMIER DEAD.

(By Associated Press) CHRISTIANA, Norway, May 24.—Otto B. Halvorsen, premier of Norway, is dead here. He was leader of the conservative party and assumed the premiership for the second time in March of this year when the resignation of the proposed commercial treaty with Portugal regarding the admission of Portuguese wines to Norway had forced the Diet ministry out of office.

REFUSES RESIGNATION

PARIS, May 24.—President Miller and today refused to accept Poincaré's resignation.

ALLIES SEEK TO DISPERSE WAR CLOUDS

Powers Are Active in Trying to Prevent Outbreak of War.

TRY TO SMOOTH OUT GRECO-TURK DISPUTE

British Hopeful of a Pacific Solution of Difficulties; Warn Greece of Danger.

(By Associated Press) PARIS, May 24.—The French foreign office Wednesday confirmed reports that the allied governments were actively occupied in an effort to prevent the outbreak anew of hostilities between Greece and Turkey.

The French and British ministers at Athens have pointed out to the Greek government how inopportune would be the issuance of anything approaching an ultimatum while the Lausanne conference was endeavoring to establish a basis for peace, and how dangerous for Greece would be any offensive action on her part.

(By Associated Press) LAUSANNE, May 24.—The allies have abandoned a formal session of the Near East conference probably until Saturday, in order to seek a settlement of the troublesome problems, avoid a rupture of the conference, and find a solution of the Greco-Turk differences arising over reparations.

An effort is being made to straighten out the reparations matter by including Greece to create some territory to Turkey in return for renunciation of an indemnity. The British delegation has issued a long statement reviewing the work and affirming that much has been accomplished. It adds that both the allies and Turkey want peace, but "there is no heroic short-cut to the end all are seeking."

The British statement says that the allies have prepared a new formula for judicial safeguard of foreigners in Turkey, which they hope will at least afford a basis for discussion, and concludes with an appeal for patience because the allies are dealing with a new Turkish government which is intensely sensitive with regards to its foreign rights.

POLICEMEN ARE OUSTED BY REDS

Communists Have Taken Possession of Police Headquarters at Gelsenkirchen—Fatalities Reported.

(By Associated Press) ESSEN, May 24.—Communists have taken possession of police headquarters at Gelsenkirchen and have ousted the red flag over the building. German reports say that five persons were killed and 61 wounded in fighting for the possession of the building. The struggle began late last night and continued until early this morning. The building was defended by the civilian defense organization which quit when one wing of the building was set afire by attackers. The fighting spread through the streets. Many street cars were shattered.

HOOPER CONTINUES CHIEF

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, May 24.—Hon. W. Hooper, ex-governor of Tennessee, was today re-elected chairman of the United States railroad labor board. G. W. Hanger was re-elected vice-president. Both are members of the public group on the board.

Miniature Hospital Will Be Located On Pageant Grounds

When the 80th anniversary of the crossing of the Blue Mountains and of the opening of the new Old Oregon Trail over the same mountains are celebrated in a mammoth northwestern pageant at Top O' Blue Mountains July Fourth, those in attendance need have no fear of being far from medical aid provided some accident occurs or something of that sort happens.

On the contrary, a complete miniature hospital will be on the pageant grounds under the supervision of trained surgeons and physicians and with a number of trained nurses, competent in every way, in attendance.

Dr. W. T. Phy, of the Hot Aet. sanatorium, will provide nurses, trained in his nationally known hospital, and all modern surgical and medical appliances to completely outfit a miniature hospital. Mrs. Fay

Catho, in charge of the local Red Cross branch station, will be in charge of the hospital, although Dr. Phy will in reality be supervisor.

Procuring the above facilities for emergency is only one step in the work of the pageant committees in their efforts to provide every possible means for the comfort and care of the crowd of 40,000 persons who are expected to attend the Old Oregon Trail pageant. In every other branch, committees are ardently working out the most minute details and preparing everything in a way that can leave no possible doubt as to the final facilities of the city that will bloom for a day, then vanish—alive afterwards only in memory and history—a city, "Top O' Blue Mountains," that will rank second only to Portland in the state for one day.