

WOULD RAISE LIMIT AT SEA TO 12 MILES

Offers to Modify Regulation on Sealed Liquor in 'Ships' Stores.

U. S. APPROACHES POWERS ON SUBJECT

British Government Experts to Carefully Study Question Before Reply Is Made

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, June 14.—The British and other governments have been approached by the American state department with a compromise offer permitting the ingress of liquor under seal into American ports, provided an agreement is reached to extend the limit of territorial waters from three miles, the present mark, to 12 miles.

While it is too early to forecast the British attitude toward the proposal, it may be said that the government is not averse to submitting the whole question of territorial waters to an international conference.

In any case, no reply will be made to Washington pending careful study of the suggestion by the British government experts. Briefly it may be said that the government is prepared to bargain with the United States in any method can be found of overcoming the rigidity of the supreme court ruling.

Modification Offered.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Modification of the effect of American prohibition on foreign vessels is being applied to sealed liquors in transit through American territory in ship's stores, has been offered to various maritime powers by the state department as a solution for present inconveniences occasioned foreign shipping. The project, it was learned Wednesday on high authority, contemplates exercise of the treaty making power to amend existing statutes which means that Senate ratification would have to be obtained to make the modification effective.

The offer is also contingent upon a reciprocal agreement in treaty form by the powers involved which would give the United States the right of search up to 12 miles off shore in carrying on the war against rum smugglers operating under foreign flags.

The American proposal is the outgrowth of prolonged study of the involved legal and international situation that has arisen both from the rum smuggling operations and from the recent decision of the supreme court upon which the present rigid treasury regulations excluding all

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CIRCUIT COURT TERM BUSY ONE

Circuit Court this session is very busy. Many cases, not listed on the court calendar, are being tried or are slated for trial. Today Judge J. W. Knowlton is presiding over the case of the Union Motor company vs. Frank Fox, of Cove, the plaintiff charging the defendant with buying stolen property, according to reports from the courthouse officials.

The grand jury, while in session, returned 12 true bill indictments, six of them being brought in June 4 and six June 6.

The court recently sentenced Everett Thomas and Thomas Billings to one year in the county jail for being paroled pending good behavior. They were charged with larceny.

The case of J. M. Stubbfield vs. J. A. Breshers, of Elgin, was recently tried and a verdict was returned for the plaintiff. The suit was for the recovery of property attached by Breshers. Al Bennett and Jesse Crum represented the plaintiff and defendant.

The case of O. E. Halverson vs. The White Pine Lumber and Lumber company was also tried recently. Green and Hess and H. E. Dixon being legal counsel for the two parties in the suit. A verdict was returned for the plaintiff. The suit was for money paid by him to The World Electric company of Portland for the repair of a motor belonging to the defendant.

Weather Forecast



Portland, June 14—Generally fair tonight and Friday.

Election To Be Monday

The annual school election of the La Grande school district will be held Monday, June 18, in the Central school building, located south of the high school building on Fourth street, between the hours of 2:00 and 7:00 p. m. Anyone who has lived in the school district for not less than 30 days and is 21 years of age or older, may cast their ballots Monday.

Four names will be on the ballot with two positions on the board of education to fill. J. E. Reynolds and C. J. Black, the latter president of the board, complete their present term of office Monday. Chairman Black is on the ticket again while Mr. Reynolds will not again seek office. Two others, H. P. Landis and L. W. Weeks, have filed candidacy.

CAVALRY WILL TRAIN NIGHTLY

Mounted Escort for President at Trail Celebration to Work Out at Fairgrounds.

The cavalry detachment, being organized under Ralph Huron, Legion post commander, which will serve as President Harding's official escort at the Old Oregon Trail pageant at Top O' Blue Mountains, July 2 and 3, will from now on, according to Mr. Huron, train every fair evening at the fair grounds. Six thirty o'clock is the time at which the training will begin and although many of the men have been out during the past two weeks, from now on intensive training will be in order.

The horses are now stalled at the fairgrounds under the care of an efficient man. The detachment, while not absolutely complete, is practically so. "We can't know absolutely about the complete lineup," stated Mr. Huron today, "until every horse is quartered at the fair grounds but the matter is pretty well worked out at present."

Trail Envoy Is Named.

CENTRALIA, Wash., June 14.—Mrs. Mattie M. Bean of this city today received from Governor Hart a commission as his personal representative at the old Oregon trail pageant to be held at Meacham, Ore., on July 2 and 3 in commemoration of the crossing of the Blue mountains by the first wagon train 80 years ago and in completion of the Old Oregon trail over the mountains.

Mrs. Bean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Newby, came to the northwest in 1843 with one of the first wagon trains to go over the trail. They settled in Yamhill county, Oregon, in 1844, at what is now McMinnville. The town was named by Mr. Newby after his birthplace, McMinnville, Tenn. Mrs. Bean was born at McMinnville.

Woman 104 Years Old

In Race for Queen of Strawberry Festival

TACOMA, Wash., June 14.—Mrs. A. D. Jones, 104 years old and of Burton, has entered and now stands first in a contest for queen of the strawberry festival of Vashon and Murray islands which is to take place at Ellensburg June 22. There are four other contestants. When the committee in charge approached her to compete in the contest, she bashfully replied:

"Oh, I have a daughter much more eligible than I for such a race. She is only 80 years old."

TRADE BALANCE IS AGAINST U. S., MAY

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Imports into the United States during May amounted to \$379,000,000 and exports totaled \$319,000,000, leaving a net balance of trade against the United States of \$60,000,000.

The trade figures which were brought up to date by the commerce department Wednesday for the first time since enactment of the new tariff law caused a general rearrangement of statistical work, showed that the net balance of trade against this country during the five months beginning with January and ending with May was \$137,582,109.

The total import for May was \$60,000,000 greater than that for April but was \$28,000,000 less than for March. The May exports were smaller than those of any other recent month except February. "The total merchandise exports for the five months beginning January 1 were \$1,028,175,477," said a commerce department statement. "The imports were \$1,765,757,586, showing a balance against us of \$737,582,109. The total net imports of gold and silver since January 1 were \$91,241,625. The total merchandise and gold and silver balances against us were therefore \$228,823,744 for this period."

ALLIED POWERS ANXIOUS OVER BULGAR CRISIS

Fears of Uprising of Peasantry Against Leaders of Coup Held; Balkan Capitals Apprehensive.

(By Associated Press)
SOFIA, June 14.—Ex-Premier Stamboulsky is reported to have been halted near Tatar Bazarjik and is said to be making a stand against government troops with several hundred guards. Several casualties have already occurred.

LONDON, June 14.—Most of the dispatches reaching London from Sofia are confined to official statements and news of the recent revolution and present administration from the standpoint of the new government. The fate of former Premier Stamboulsky is still doubtful.

The general impression in London is that, although the new premier Zankoff is a strong man, his cabinet will find it difficult to run contrary to the wishes of the military.

According to a dispatch to the Times, King Boris Boris is staying at his palace at Vranje, in the outskirts of Sofia, and has not been seen in the city itself. From various points in the Balkans come vague reports of fighting in Bulgaria, but confirmation of these reports cannot be obtained.

Anxiety Entertained.

LONDON, June 14.—Great anxiety is entertained in allied quarters over the course of events in Bulgaria. Fear is expressed that the peasantry, which forms the backbone of the country, will rally to the call of the deposed leaders, some of whom are still at large, and attempt a counter revolution.

It is pointed out that every one of the 3,000,000 farmers of Bulgaria possesses a rifle, and that if these few roused into action they would constitute a most formidable army against the former officers of the reserve corps and the 10,000 volunteer soldiers who are not only Bulgarian's sole armed and disciplined force, but the dominant factor.

One of the present government's chief points of strength, it is believed, is the fact that all the country's farmers are busy gathering their crops. They are regarded as being too philosophical and provident to be attracted by a call to arms.

Stamboulsky Held High.

Allied diplomats who have been in Bulgaria, and who understand the psychology of the peasant say that much will depend upon the new government's treatment of Stamboulsky and his associates, all of whom are sprung from the soil. If the ex-premier is killed, it is feared the agrarian population, which regards him as a sort of Abraham Lincoln, will revolt and make a determined attempt to punish his opponents.

The Market.

PORTLAND, June 14.—Cattle steady, calves fifty higher, hogs, sheep and eggs steady, butter unsettled.

9 Killed In Sea Battle

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, June 14.—A crew of four men and five Chinese passengers from the British schooner Mary Beatrice, which was found drifting off Sandy Hook last night, were killed in a battle of pistols and axes, according to stories told by survivors to immigration officials when the craft reached quarantine today.

Three of the 15 Chinese survivors were taken to the hospital and the remainder were detained pending investigation.

DEATH AND FIRE MAR BOAT RACES

Rose Festival Is on "Full Blast;" Wondrous Blooms Displayed in Park; Accidents Occur Yesterday.

PORTLAND, June 14.—The skies cleared today for the floral parade, the climax of the Rose Festival. The crowds began gathering early along the three mile limit of march. Beautifully decorated floats, including entries from other Pacific Coast counties, prepared for display.

PORTLAND, June 14.—Despite overcast skies and weather that was decidedly threatening at the outset, by far the largest crowd that ever saw a regatta on the Willamette river or any other body of water in the northwestern part of the United States lined shores, bridges, docks, barges and vessels of all kind to view the thrilling events staged by the Portland Motorboat club yesterday afternoon in the most remarkable sports programme ever offered by the Rose Festival association.

Dr. R. M. Sherman, head of the motorboat club, whose indefatigable and persistent efforts were largely responsible for the success of the water competitions declared after the closing race that at least 10,000 more persons than ever attended a similar spectacle were on hand to cheer the winners and to gaze in unison at a number of untoward scenes that ensued.

Boat Rammed; One Drowned.

The races started at 2 o'clock and about 4 o'clock a motor sailer from the United States cruiser Seattle rammed a rowboat from which four Portland youths were seeing the regatta and sank the craft. Harland Ward, a boy in his teens, was drowned, the others being picked up by sailors aboard the navy vessel.

A few minutes afterward the Valger Boy IV, owned by Fred Volger of Portland, which was figured to have an excellent chance to win the free-for-all race of the regatta, caught fire while making a preliminary dash around the course. Jim Brady, pilot of the speed boat, and George McGarr, mechanic, leaped overboard and were saved by a passing launch. The fireboat George H. Williams answered a call for help and arrived in time to extinguish

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PRESIDENT OF CHINA RESIGNS HELD CAPTIVE

LI - Yuan - Hung Returns Government Seals to Captors Which He Took in Flight From Peking.

LONDON, June 14.—President Li-Yuan-Hung, of China, has resigned and has turned over to captors at Tien Tsin the government seals which he took in his flight from Peking, says Tien Tsin dispatches.

Held Prisoner.

TIENTSIN, June 14.—Li Yuan Hung, president of the Chinese republic, is being held a prisoner aboard his special train in the central railway station here, at an early hour Thursday morning, following his flight from the capital at Peking Wednesday. The train is surrounded by troops, acting under the direct orders of Wang Cheng Ping, governor of Chihli province.

The troops allowed American Consul Jay C. Huston to enter the station but would not permit him to board President Li's train to interview the executive. The British consul was forcibly prevented from approaching the train. The president is being held, it is said, because he has possession of the government seals which he carried with him in his flight from the capital.

Put Through Third Degree.

TIENTSIN, June 14.—How President Li-Yuan-Hung, fleeing from Peking, was held up by armed supporters of the Chihli party, put thru a "third degree" and finally permitted to proceed to his residence in foreign quarters where he divulged the hiding place of his seals of office, which disappeared when he sought safety in flight, became known today.

Gypsies Sent on Their Way by Chief of Police

Chief of Police Clint Haynes spent a very busy morning today.

Early this morning two carloads of Gypsies arrived in the city en route to Oklahoma from Portland and stopped to carry on their usual practices. One store in the city was reported "kipped" but prompt action on the part of the police chief sent the nomads on their way.

The Gypsies came to La Grande over the Blue mountains and were riding in large cars.

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Belgium Cabinet Resigns.

BRUSSELS, June 14 (AP).—The Belgian cabinet headed by Georges Theunis, resigned today as a result of a controversy over legislation providing for the use of Flemish language in Ghent university.

R.N. Caucus Was Success

The Royal Neighbor convention was held yesterday in La Grande, with a wonderful attendance present. Representatives present from Baker, Cove, Halfway and Island City besides visiting members from practically all over the United States.

The Supervising deputy, Ida Hamblen of Pendleton was present. The floor and degree work was put on in the Rex hall, and the banquet was held in the K. P. hall. Three meals were served yesterday, lunch, dinner and a midnight supper last night.

GAME SHOULD BE REPLAYED

Cove-La Grande Contest Played Last Sunday Presents Many Factors That Necessitate Play-Off.

In the fatal fourth inning of last Sunday's game between Cove and La Grande, a man scored from third to home during a run-out due to the fact that Umpire Fred Miles did not call the game temporarily. The fans accepted the decision due to the fact that they believed he was right in his statement that he "could not stop the game on account of a fight."

Regarding the runner to score was all wrong. No less an authority than L. H. Gregory, sport writer for the Portland Oregonian, says so. And under the consideration that Cove won by but one score, the only feasible, sportsmanlike thing left to do is to replay the game.

Here is what Gregory says in regard to the play, answering a query sent him by Buck Knight, La Grande second baseman: "From word of your description, I take it that after the rumpus at second base, the crowd swarmed on the playing field in a free-for-all and that the runner on third took advantage of the confusion to skip out for home."

"If that was the case, then play had been interrupted and it was the clear duty of the umpire to call 'time.' Under Rule 74, Section 3, it is mandatory on him to suspend play 'in case of fire, panic, or other extraordinary circumstances.' 'If this doesn't come under panic, it certainly is to be classed as an 'extraordinary circumstance.' The run should not count and the runner should be sent back to third."

Knight's letter to Gregory was as follows: "Please give full official decision on following play: Man on first and third. Man on first attempts to steal second. Second baseman receives ball about four feet on runner's line toward first base. Runner runs directly into second baseman, knocking him down. Second baseman hits runner with fist. Second baseman touches runner out. Spectators run on field and free-for-all is on while man on third gets home." Knight's description of the play was O. K. Gregory's decision leaves nothing in doubt. Umpire Fred Miles called the runner coming to second out but the runner that came home was permitted to score. That game should not be counted but on the other hand it should be ignored and re-played on either La Grande, Cove or neutral grounds, according to the joint agreement of the interested teams.

Trustees Escape

SALEM, June 14 (AP).—Herbert Brown and Plymouth Storm, trusty convicts, employed in the wood camp near McMinnville, escaped some time during the night. They did not respond to a breakfast call this morning. Brown was convicted of burglary three years ago from Marion county and Storm was convicted three years ago from Klamath county for larceny.

Wheat Quotations

PORTLAND, June 14 (AP).—Soft White \$1.10; Western Red \$1.05.

Flag Day Being Observed Over Nation Today By All

INDIANAPOLIS, June 14.—Sleek and exultant, the world turns to Stars and Stripes as a revelation of hope and good faith, asserted Alvin Owsley, national commander of the American Legion today in a statement on the 146th birthday anniversary of the American flag.

Sing "Star Spangled Banner"

WASHINGTON, June 14.—President Harding urged the American Legion's flag conference, opening here today, to adopt a code of rules for proper display of the flag and to include a provision that every American citizen should learn to sing the "Star Spangled Banner."

Flag Day Services Tonight.

Flag Day, as in all other cities in the United States, will be observed tonight in La Grande with exercises appropriate of the 146th birthday anniversary of Old Glory. The services will be conducted in the Elks temple and will be under the charge of the K. P. D. E. lodge no. 423 of La

SHOOTS TWO NEAR BAKER MAN ESCAPES

Nick Gavins, Thought Insane, Opens Fire on Five Score Men.

INJURED MEN WILL RECOVER, IS BELIEF

Posse Formed to Run Down Criminal; No Known Motive for Sudden Attack With Pistol.

BAKER, June 14.—With the threat that "I'll kill the whole bunch of you," backed by a .32 automatic pistol, Nick Gavins, a Portuguese laborer from Salt Lake, believed insane, yesterday, shot and seriously wounded two men on the O. W. section near Pleasant Valley. Gavins then made his escape to the hills.

Will Recover.

Earl Banks, colored, of Salt Lake was wounded in the leg and Hugh Gallagher of Denver was shot through the back. It is expected that both men will recover.

Gavins came to work on the extra gang this morning. About 2:30, the foreman asked him to assist another group of men. Suddenly, Gavins made his threat and opened fire on the gang. The 100 men or so on the crew scattered in all directions, and after wounding Banks and Gallagher, Gavins made his escape to the hills east of Pleasant Valley.

Posse Formed.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Bud Patterson of Baker has formed a posse to go after the man. His capture is expected, for there are few hiding places in the sage-brush covered hills.

Both injured men were brought to the St. Elizabeth hospital at Baker.

DISTRICT IS RE-CREATED

Improvement District Boundaries Changed by City Commissioners.

Meeting in official executive session last evening, with a full attendance, the city commission passed a resolution repealing Improvement district No. 127 and followed with a new resolution recreating the district with different boundaries.

The recreated district to be improved by laying concrete 5 feet sidewalks is as follows: 8 avenue from North Spruce to North Spruce, on North Spruce from 8 to 2 avenue, on Greenwood street from Madison to Monroe, on North Greenwood from Monroe to Jackson, on Y from North Second to North Spruce, on the south side of Y avenue from North Spruce to the city limits, North Birch from a point 112 feet north of the southwest corner of Lot 160 in Chaplains Supplemental addition to Jackson, on north side of Jackson from North Birch to North Depot on the east side of North Depot from Jackson to T and on Monroe from T to North Spruce.

Remonstrances Heard.

Last night was the set time for the hearing of remonstrances, objections or claims of grievances on improvement or assessment was raised. The commission considered it for the best interest of all concerned to proceed with the district and authorized the city recorder to advertise for bids which will be received up to June 27.

The city manager was authorized to provide a sidewalk from Z avenue to the city limits.

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EVERYTHING COMING THEIR WAY

