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FUEL BOARD WILL HELP U. S., HARDING

Chief Executive Avers That There Can Be No Mining Under Force.

NATIONALIZATION OF COAL MINES OPPOSED

Speaks From Platform of His Special Train in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Large Audience.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 26.—In a discussion here Monday of the nation's coal problems, in which he mentioned the industry, the consuming public and the government's interest in all phases of coal operations, President Harding recorded himself as being opposed to "nationalizing the mines," and declared that the United States coal commission would bring the country "a new understanding" of the problem and point out a solution "in behalf of a vital public interest."

The chief executive spoke from the observation platform of the car in which he came here from Denver, to his first Wyoming audience. He also mentioned the problems of the livestock producers of the state, the wool interests, and called attention to the relief measure which, he said, congress and the war finance corporation had given after war inflation and later deflation.

In developing his principal theme, the coal problem, Mr. Harding referred to the strike of last year, asserting his opinion that many mine operators were as much responsible for that situation as the men who struck.

The operators, he said, had insisted they could produce all the coal that was needed if the law was enforced. "The law enforcement was provided," Mr. Harding added, "but no coal was produced. There can be no coal mining in free America under the force of arms."

The biggest need of the world today, the president said, was work, adding that the world has no use for a loafing, big or little, "whether commanding capital or directing labor."

Referring to the coal situation at another point in his remarks, Mr. Harding said:

"A few years ago one of your Wyoming statesmen made the astounding statement that your state alone contained enough coal to supply the entire land with fuel for centuries to come. Whether the statement was extravagant or not, it was at least an intimation of your mineral resources of which the nation at large had never dreamed."

"How incomprehensible, indeed, are your limitless possibilities, and you are but one of many states of

CHIEF'S PARTY DISTINGUISHED

When President Warren G. Harding, chief executive of the United States, arrives at the Top of Blue Mountains July 2 in a special train, a distinguished and famous band of men will accompany him. Perhaps not enough has been said about them due to the fact that the President himself, who is today the center of the eyes of the world—especially that part of the world west of the Mississippi.

With Mr. Harding will be Mrs. Harding, the leading lady of the nation.

Others who make up the party are: Dr. Hubert Work, secretary of the interior, and Mrs. Work; F. K. Gillett, speaker of the House of Representatives; Admiral Hugh Rodman; George B. Christian, secretary to the president, and Mrs. Christian; Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, and Mrs. Hoover; Brigadier General G. E. Sawyer, and Mrs. Sawyer; and Henry Wallace, secretary of agriculture.

Those are only the more important members of the presidential party. Press correspondents make up a goodly number of the remaining who are riding the presidential special train and noted men from all walks of life also accompany the chief executive on his western trip.

Weather Forecast

Portland, June 26.—Showers tonight and Wednesday southwesterly winds.

Will Discuss Compensation

CLEVELAND, June 26.—Meeting for the "consideration of questions inaugurating a movement for increased compensation" the first in several years by members of the Big Four Transportation Brotherhoods, has been called by G. Lee, president of the brotherhood of railway trainmen, and L. E. Sheppard, president of the order of railway conductors, in a circular to the chairman and secretary of general committees of both brotherhoods, to meet in Chicago July 9.

POTTER PLAYS DON JUAN PART

Convict at Salem Invades Woman's Ward; Was Formerly a Union County Man.

SALEM, Or., June 26.—A story of how Charles Potter, "two-time loser," of the Oregon penitentiary and previously an inmate of the Boise prison, last Thursday made some keys to fit the woman's ward at the state penitentiary and later concealed himself under a bed for nearly five hours before being discovered by the officials, was current here today.

Johnson Smith, warden of the prison, tonight asserted that the report was untrue, and said it apparently had been circulated by some ex-employee of the institution would comment on the story.

Two versions of the affair were reported. One was that Potter slipped into the woman's ward and that he kept Mrs. Tom Cornelius, matron, at bay, until she succeeded in attracting the attention of the warden. It was said that when the warden responded he found Potter under a bed. The latter showed fight, it was reported, and it was necessary for the warden to obtain assistance of a guard before subduing the convict.

Another version was that Mrs. Cornelius was away from the women's ward at the time Potter entered, and when she returned she sensed that something was wrong. Investigation, according to the report, disclosed Potter hiding beneath the bed and the officers were called. Both Potter and the matron were taken to the attention of the warden. It was said that the convict was returned to his cell in another part of the prison.

Charles Potter was formerly a resident of Union county and was sent to Salem from La Grande.

State Lecturer Visits Union County Grange

Mrs. Minnie E. Bond, lecturer of the Oregon State Grange of Eugene, Oregon, is making a visit to the granges in this part of the state, having met with the grange at Elgin on Friday evening, with the Union County Pomona at North Powder on Saturday and with the Telocast grange Saturday evening and on Wednesday will go to Wallawa county.

Aside from giving lectures of the subordinate granges assistance Mrs. Bond is boosting up the granges for better work in general. One of the new features for the helping of the lectures this year will be a special lecturer's conference held at Corvallis where the lecturers of the state will be guests of the school and special speakers will be present from the National grange and also people of National authority on community work and community leadership will be there to help in the work. The grange is largely responsible for all the work along the line of farm education and aside from helping the lecturers this conference will be of assistance in carrying the work of the school to the hundreds of rural communities represented in the grange.

PLATFORM CRASHES AT DALLAS, TEXAS; 100 PERSONS HURT

DALLAS, Tex., June 26.—One hundred or more persons were believed to be injured, some seriously, Monday night when the platform in front of the entrance to Cyclone park open air theatre collapsed just before the opening of the performances. About 500 patrons were precipitated 15 feet below.

No deaths were reported. A record crowd was to have attended the performance of "The Bird of Paradise" and hundreds were crowding their way to the entrance of the theatre. After the crash every ambulance in Dallas was rushed to the theatre.

The most seriously injured were taken to St. Paul's, Baylor and the city hospitals. All ambulances were forced to make several trips. About 30 persons the ambulance loads taken to an emergency hospital for treatment, were ordered direct to Baylor hospital. All were seriously injured.

HENRY FORD MAY YET BE A CANDIDATE

Secretary to Auto Magnate Says he Would Give Consideration to Any Legitimate Offer of Nomination

(By Associated Press) DETROIT, June 26.—Henry Ford would give serious consideration to an offer of presidential nomination by any responsible persons or party before rejecting it, according to E. G. Leibold, his general secretary. Leibold added, however, that no such offer has yet been made.

Will Not Block Efforts.

SAVANNAH, Ga., June 26.—A petition signed by citizens of Savannah, indorsing Henry Ford for president, having been forwarded to Detroit, the general secretary of Mr. Ford has replied in a letter acknowledging receipt of the petition: "In view of the interest displayed Mr. Ford can have no objection to their further activities in this direction."

The letter follows: "Mr. E. S. Fuller, 106 Julian West, Savannah, Ga.

"Dear Sir: "Your letter of June 12, together with petition bearing various names of your citizens urging Mr. Ford to permit his name to be used in the 1924 candidacy for president received."

"In view of the interest displayed, Mr. Ford can have no objection to their further activities in this direction. Thanking you for your interest, we are:

"Very truly yours," "E. G. Leibold, "General Secretary to Mr. Ford."

Small Significance.

DETROIT, Mich., June 26.—There is no special significance in the letter to Savannah, acknowledging receipt of a petition indorsing Henry Ford for president, it was stated by members of Mr. Ford's personal staff at his Dearborn offices Monday.

"The quotation is incomplete," it was stated. "The letter sent to Savannah stated that while Mr. Ford does not object to activities of this sort, neither does he give them his approval. This reply is sent to all inquiries regarding Mr. Ford's attitude toward becoming a candidate for president."

Wheat Quotations. PORTLAND, June 26. (AP)—Hard White \$1.11; Western Red \$1.04.

OBSERVER GIVEN VOTE OF THANKS

Today at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon many kind words were spoken of the Oregon Trail edition of the Evening Observer and a standing vote of thanks was given to the Observer editor and the entire force for issuing such a commendable edition.

The Observer deeply appreciates this recognition of an effort to help spread to the world the merits of Eastern Oregon—God's greatest country.

Jewel Robber Is Identified

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, June 26.—Bryant Youngman, recently convicted of murder in San Francisco for killing a jewelry clerk there, has been identified by Miss Rose Homberg, elevat or operator of Sells building here, as one of two men who held up and robbed the G. Cramer Jewelry company on the seventh floor of the Sells building last March obtaining \$20,000 in jewelry. He was identified by photographs.

KANGAROO COURT IS FUNCTIONING

Three Are Grasped in the Talons of Frontier Law; One Makes Escape But Is Recaptured.

Kangaroo court, presided over by Judge G. S. Birnie with Clerk Earl Reynolds as scribe or recorder or whatever else he is requested to be, was held for the first time yesterday afternoon in front of Birnie's jewelry store.

Chief of Police Charles Runyan, who has spent the last week polishing up his star, had three offenders to come before the tribunal. August Stange, E. R. Ringo and R. J. Kitchen was what the blotter read and so court proceeded.

Mr. Ringo was hailed on the street for wearing a white collar and the key from his car was taken from him and he was then ordered to move on. He failed to do so and so proper steps were taken.

Mr. Kitchen, charged with the same offense, was, upon pleading guilty, sentenced to attend chautauque every night this week with his wife.

Stange Escapes. After Mr. Stange had appeared before the court he was ordered from the stand and left the stand—but "hit" running. Not only hit the pavement running but kept right on running. Clerk Reynolds and Chief Runyan state that running was a prevarication and insisted that he was flying. Whatever his means locomotion were he left the officers in a cloud of dust. A posse failed to catch him yesterday.

But today reports began to be heard to the effect that he was in hiding. One worthy came into Clerk Reynolds' office and told him that the renegade was hiding near the outskirts of the city with a brace of six-guns and would "shoot on sight."

But at noon Mr. Stange was caught. Caught redhanded! Manacles (at least they were just as binding) were put about his legs ostensibly to keep him from running and he was sentenced to push the garbage vehicle down Adams' avenue on block. This he did.

Kangaroo court will again be in session very shortly and several others are expected to be hauled before the judge—if they don't change their wearing apparel.

FOREIGN SHIPS TO SAIL HOME MINUS BOUZE

Today Will See Many Thousands and Gallons of Liquor Seized on Liners; Vessels May Be Delayed in Sailing

NEW YORK, June 26.—Eight great foreign liners which sailed into New York harbor during the week-end with their return supply of liquor under government seals, are preparing to put out for home with closed bars. The supplies of two of these ships, the Baltis and Berengaria, State customs officials. The others will have their drinkables Tuesday or the next day.

Thousands of gallons of liquors, wines and beers already have been confiscated. Many thousands more will be taken Tuesday. If seizures continue at the present rate, liners will be held in port over their scheduled.

Tuesday nine more vessels are due, all reported to have liquor on board. These ships represent five nations, and their liquor is under government seals.

Liberal Supply Remains. The Berengaria and Baltis have been left a liberal supply of spirits and beer for medicinal purposes. English law requires all English vessels to carry at least one gallon brandy for each 100 passengers and crew.

Steamers which came in over the week-end and which as yet have their seals unbroken, are the Paris, with 3700 bottles of spirits and beer and 200 casks of wine and beer; the Cedre, with 12,000 quarts listed as "medicine"; the Saffren, with 2100 bottles of assorted wines and liquors; the Conte Veril, with 2000 gallons of wine; the Providence, with 265 litres of wine and 24 quarts of brandy; the Tuscania and the Carmania, with assorted beverages.

Captain Roberts of the Baltic and Captain Irvine of the Berengaria presented letters of protest to United States government officials who broke the British customs seals, but declined to indicate what action would be taken by their government.

No Liquor on Return. Despite the fact that the ships are being allowed much more than is needed for medicinal purposes, their officers declared Monday that no liquor would be taken home.

His chief address of stay at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The retreat, a small band concert and the lowering of the flag will be followed by the dinner hour and in the evening a dance, band concert and other amusements will entertain those present.

Decision Is Made to Release Archbishop

RIGA, June 26.—According to statements presented to newspapers here, Archbishop Tikhon, patriarch of all Russia, died in prison June 16. Baltic newspaper advised said to have been received from Moscow, to the effect that the archbishop died in jail, charge that the death was the result of poison.

MOSCOW, June 26.—The supreme court has decided to release Archbishop Tikhon pending trial on a charge of resisting the soviet authorities. It was announced today.

Found Guilty On 3 Charges

The city coffers are richer by \$180 today than yesterday. Bill Crawford donated and this is the story: Police authorities yesterday found a man, under the influence of intoxicating liquor, across the track and brought him before the authorities by that time several other things that failed to comply with the law had been found out. By the time he was hauled before Judge R. J. Kitchen, three counts were facing him, to which he pleaded guilty. Crawford was fined \$10 for being drunk, \$50 for carrying a gun concealed on his person, and last but not least \$180 for having in his possession intoxicating liquor.

FETE PROGRAM NOW OUTLINED

Old Oregon Trail Pageant to Begin July 3 with President Harding's Arrival.

When the special train, bearing President Harding and his party, whistles into Meacham July 3 at nine o'clock in the morning the greatest pageant the west has ever known—the Old Oregon Trail pageant—will sound its opening guns. The city of Top of Blue Mountains will come into its own for a two-day period, when it will rank as the leading metropolis of all Eastern Oregon.

The President and his party will then be escorted to the official grand where they will witness the parade and at 10:30 o'clock the pageantry will begin. An Indian attack on a wagon train and subsequent rescue by a troop of cavalry is on the morning program. At luncheon hour, the President will be a guest of the Penitentiary Rotary club.

The unveiling of the Old Oregon Trail monument and dedicatory address by the nation's chief will be on the afternoon program, which includes an Indian ceremonial and a horseshoe tourney in which the President has been invited to participate.

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On July 4 the program will be slightly different. Hon. N. J. Sonnett and Nellie Galbraith will deliver patriotic addresses in the afternoon and several other additional features will make up the program, centered about the pageantry and the Indian ceremonials.

The Old Oregon Trail highway will be in first class condition on July 3 and motorists will have no difficulty in making the trip to Meacham. Especial care has been taken to do away with every possible chance for accidents and every mile of the approach road will be patrolled by the State Traffic department. No charge will be made for camping and parking grounds but the cost of entrance to the grounds—the only means the association has of financing the pageant—will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. If any deficit occurs the business men of Eastern Oregon will have to make it up. Campers and others should bring their equipment but many provisions may be purchased at Meacham.

Senator Stanfield Visits. Senator R. N. Stanfield spent last evening in La Grande on his way to Portland visiting at the home of Carl Helm, and left this morning for the Rose City.

Tincher Supports The World Court Plan; Music Pleasing

Congressman J. N. Tincher from the Seventh Kansas district was the chief orator and attraction at Chautauqua last evening in his address on World Problems.

While the congressman admitted that there were a lot of problems in the world, he also stoutly asserted that this nation was coming to the right idea in support of the World Court as outlined by President Harding. He gave his synopsis of the World Court claiming it was nothing like the League of Nations.

The greater part of the Tincher speech was devoted to what he had done in congress and to the laws which bear his name. He spoke of the anti-grain gambling bill known as the Capper-Tincher bill which is intended to prevent dealing in futures in grain. His belief is that it will help the grain market. He also reviewed the packer legislation which is intended to prevent the five big packers from fixing prices of live stock on foot and also the price of meat to the consumer.

But the congressman warned his audience before he had finished that legislative could only do a small part of the needed things to be done in getting the readjustment so essential to the peace and welfare of the nation.

He paid a high tribute to Congressman Nick Shinnott of this district, claiming that Shinnott was always found helping in any legislation that would aid the producer.

Musical Program Pleasing.

The musical program in the evening

MEMBERS AT LUNCHEON HEAR TALKS

Happen-in Visitors Make Up Splendid Program for Chamber.

I. N. DAY AND A. A. SMITH, SPEAKERS

Carnival Spirit of City Is Praised; Mr. Smith Earnestly Pleads for Pioneer Inspiration.

While today's luncheon was the last to be held by the Chamber of Commerce until next fall, after summer adjournment, the program given was by no means a small one, for I. N. Day of Portland and A. A. Smith of Baker, delivered two masterful addresses.

President G. L. Larson was in the chair with his big hat, dull colored shirt and pair of six-shooters, emulating the pioneer garb week of the city, and around the tables the business men of the city were seated dressed in early day costume. Guns and knives were everywhere present. During the luncheon, "Stange, the desperado", who has been dodging City Marshal Tunyan and Police Judge Birnie since yesterday, was spotted. A fight ensued in which much shooting terrorized the ladies wearing ruffles and flounces who served the luncheon and gave President Larson the quivers when he found it his duty to maintain order by relying on his faithful brace of pistols.

When handkerchiefs were safely attached to the prisoner's wrists and Judge Birnie had ordered everyone to his proper place the program proceeded without further interruption.

Day Pays Tribute. I. N. Day, as first speaker, paid a high tribute to La Grande for its wonderful carnival spirit and its remarkable activity in providing such a reception for the President as is now assured.

The speaker dwelt upon the Oregon Trail pageant and the lesson it is teaching the entire nation by calling to mind in the mad rush of life the great characters who of their own free will braved hardships of desert

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M'TIGUE LOSES TO AMERICAN

PHILADELPHIA, June 26.—Mike McGigue, light heavyweight champion of the world, was outpointed Monday night by Tommy Lechman of Philadelphia according to a majority of newspapermen at the ringside, who gave the champion only two of the eight rounds. Except in the sixth and seventh the champion seemed listless and Lechman was able to hit him at will.

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