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President Addresses Oregonians

HARDING IS NOW READY FOR ALASKA

Harding "Orator of Day" at Portland, Oregon, Celebration, July 4.

URGES ADHERENCE TO WORLD COURT

President Appeals for Reconsecration to American Ideals and Purposes.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 5.—President Harding was the "orator of the day" of Portland's Independence day celebration, and in his address, delivered Wednesday afternoon at Multnomah athletic field, he made a plea for reconsecration to American ideals and purposes, and urged that the United States move to avoid war by doing "one thing more," adhering to the permanent court of international justice.

"Every man wearing the habiliments of an American citizen must be an American in his heart and soul," the chief executive declared. "I would like to acclaim the day when there is no room in America, anywhere, for those who defy the law and those who seek our hospitality for the purpose of destroying our institutions. They should be deported or held securely behind prison walls.

"There is one thing more we can do," he asserted, after concluding his Americanization appeal. "We want no more of war. To that end I have asked the senate to give its assent to American participation in the permanent court of international justice. I want America to give of its influence to bring about universal peace."

British Sailors Participate

The celebration, in which the president and Mrs. Harding were the chief participants, was a typical Fourth of July observance. There was speaking and there were fireworks and a parade. The last named event made history, not alone for Portland, but for America, as in the line of march were sailors and marines from H. M. S. cruiser Curlew, which lies in the harbor here. Never before had a British naval force marched in an American Independce day parade. Furthermore six staff officers of the British navy sat in the speakers' stand and heard the reading of the Declaration of Independence and heard the president's address.

"I am glad our British friends have shown us that distinction," the president paused in his address to say, "for it symbolizes the progress of the last 147 years and shows us the whole English speaking world is kin. I hope that in the future the forces of the British and American navies may ever march toward everlasting peace."

In addition to participating in the parade, the British forces, through their commander, Captain Holbrook, paid their respects to the president by calling at his hotel.

Crowds Cheer President.

The parade followed the arrival of the presidential party here early in the day, and was through streets crowded from the curb to building line with cheering and flag waving citizens. Members of the party regarded it as one of the most enthusiastic receptions Mr and Mrs. Harding have received on their western trip.

It was novel, too, for the visitors in that it contained a number of floral floats. These, with the military and civic portions, passed in review before the president at the end of the line of march.

As the president's train crossed the Willamette river to Portland Wednesday morning the British cruiser Curlew, anchored near the bridge, fired a presidential salute.

After the patriotic exercises and address at Multnomah field, where the chairman of the local arms committee estimated 25,000 persons were assembled, the president and Mrs. Harding visited the disabled former service men at the United States veterans' hospital, and placed a wreath on a monument erected to the men who served in the World war. After a private dinner at a hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Harding went to the plant of the Portland Oregonian, where the president pushed a button starting a new high speed press. They they witnessed a display of fireworks.

The party left Portland shortly before midnight for Tacoma and the end of the transcontinental trip. Arriving there early Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Harding will hold a general reception, visit the veterans' hospital and receive a message of godspeed from Governor Hart before boarding the United States naval transport Henderson for the voyage to Alaska —the objective of the whole trip.

President Is Now A Cayuse

MEACHAM, July 5. — President and Mrs. Harding Tuesday became full fledged members of the Cayuse tribe of Indians at what was noted as a Pow-Wow of members of Umatilla, Walla Walla and Cayuse tribes Mr. and Mrs. Harding at the end of his address witnessed the ceremonial.

The chief of the Cayuse and spokesman for all of the Indians, speaking through the interpreter, made a long speech declaring the Indians were not being treated rightly and that they were unable to adjust their troubles with the resident Indian agents, Mr Harding in reply advised the Indians to take the matter up directly with the Washington departments.

DREW HARDING'S TRAIN; WRECKED

Monster Locomotive That Pulled Presidential Special Yesterday Is Smashed Today; One Killed.

(By Associated Press)

TACOMA, Wash., July 5 — The monster U. P. locomotive No. 3219, which on July 4th drew President Harding's special train into Portland, is wrecked today just outside Tacoma. One trainman is dead and another is seriously injured and four or five passengers are slightly injured with a possibility that one or more tramps are dead.

The wreck was the result of the Union Pacific train from Portland running into a land slide at Salmon Beach at 4:47 o'clock this morning.

Engineer Killed.

TACOMA, Wash., July 5.—Edward Roddey, engineer, of Seattle, was killed, W. Watson, fireman, of Seattle, was badly scalded and J. W. Pynchon, conductor, suffered scratches, when the train which left Portland at 11:15 last night, ran into a landslide before reaching the Nelson-Bennett tunnel. The train was crowded with persons en route to Tacoma for festivities in honor of President Harding who arrived this morning.

Roddey was pinned in the cab and scalded to death.

The first baggage car was demolished and the first coach, which was also wrecked, caught fire, but the passengers managed to escape.

TEACHER FLAYS THE READING OF RULES

(By the Associated Press)

OAKLAND, Calif., July 5.—A poor reader reflects discredit on the elementary school, for the school's outstanding purpose is ability to interpret the printed page, Charles Potter, principal of the Rainier elementary school, Seattle, Wash., told the department of elementary school principals, National Education Association, at the annual convention here today. The present reading rates of pupils in the elementary schools, he said, are unnecessarily slow and inefficient.

WORK RESPONSIBLE FOR DAVIS QUITTING

(By Associated Press)

BOISE, July 5.—Dr. Hubert Work, secretary of the interior, Tuesday accepted full responsibility for the dismissal of Director A. P. Davis of the reclamation service. Interviewed by a representative of the Idaho Daily Statesman representative at Meacham, he said that he himself, as secretary of the interior, is determined to be head of the reclamation service "for good or ill." And he suggested that criticism of his action is "a barrage laid down by friends of former Director Davis."

"I have made no change in the head of the reclamation service," the secretary insisted. "The secretary of the interior is the head of the service. I am director of reclamation, for good or ill."

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Oil Derricks Burn.

LONG BEACH, Calif., July5. (AP)—A spectacular fire destroyed two derricks and threatened the entire Signal Hill oil field today. The fire was controlled by the daring efforts of the field workers and the Long Beach fier department.

Million Dollar Rain.

SEATTLE, July 5. (AP)—Rain today from the Columbia river to the strait of Juan de uca proved worth a million dollars in allaying forest fires, freshening pastures, and invigorating berries and garden crops.

DEMPSEY WINS OVER GIBBONS BY A DECISION

Champion Is Unable to Stop Fast St. Paul Battler; Gibbons Gave the World a Fat Surprise.

SHELBY, Mont., July 5.—The approximate total of gate receipts at the Dempsey-Gibbons heavyweight title bout Wednesday afternoon was $201,485, according to figures made public Wednesday night by Charles Rasmusson, Montana collector of internal revenue.

SHELBY, Mont., July 5. — The whole sporting world was wrong with the exception of that courteous, smiling individual, Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul.

The challenger, to the astonishment of the 25,000 spectators in the sunbaked arena on the edge of this oil boom town, was on his feet, still fighting at the end of his scheduled 15-round heavyweight chamnion battle Wednesday with Jack Dempsey when almost everybody expected him to be knocked out in six or seven rounds.

Dempsey, the champion, was an overwhelming favorite to win by a knockout early in the battle.

Referee Jimmy Dougherty of Philadelphia awarded Dempsey the decision when the gong clanged ending the fifteenth round, but Gibbons, who did not get a cent for fighting the champion, left the ring with a moral victory. It was the first time that any fighter had managed to face Dempsey and still be on his feet at the finish since he became champion.

Reputation Still Good.

Gibbons has a reputation made in 86 fights of never having been knocked off his feet. That reputation is still good. Dempsey had him dizzy and weary probably half a dozen times Wednesday, but failed to knock him out.

The fight had an entirely different ending than any of the spectators expected. Even the enthusiastic Gibbons protagonists, shouting encouragement to their fighter, had not the slightest idea he would last more than seven or eight rounds. In fact, it was the

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Wheat Quotations.

POITLAND, July 5. (AP)—Soft White $1.08; Hard Federation $1.02.

Labor-Farmer Party Plans

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, July 5.—The national convention of the Federated Farmer-Labor party is to be held next December or January to nominate a presidential candidate and other candidates for the 1924 election, if the report of the organization is adopted by delegates representing groups, meeting here with the national Farmer-Labor convention.

MEACHAM HAD FEW TROUBLES

Shooting Fracas and Arrest of Two Nationally Known Pickpockets Were Gist of Unlawfullness.

Very little trouble of criminal sort occured at Top O' Blue Mountains during the Old Oregon Trail celebration. Only one or two disturbances of that nature was observed and prompt action was taken in each case. Chief Deputy J. S. Culbertson of the state forces detected a man in the act of packing a bottle of booze and nipped him. A tank tender named Taylor, now under arrest, interfered, and while blows were exchanged, the bootlegger made his escape. Then a Meacham storekeeper, named Ross, who had been made a deputy sheriff for the occasion seems to have lost his head and fired one of the shots. It passed through the legs of Willard Houston, a prohibition enforcement officer. Houston was taken to the emergency hospital, but was not dangerously wounded.

Pickpockets Are Arrested.

Then Portland and railroad detectives arrested two nationally known pickpockets, who came to "work" the crowd, for the long arm of the law streiched out into the heart of the Blue mountains. Next, just as the special train carrying the escort committee of Portland business men arrived at Meacham, one of the big drive wheels went on strike and dropped off.

Autos Collide; 8 Hurt.

LEHI, Utah, July 5.—Eight persons were injured, three of them seriously, on the Provo highway near here Wednesday when the two automobiles in which they were riding, struck in a head-on collision. All the occupants of both machines were injured.

JULY FOURTH CASUALTY LIST IS TWO SCORE

About 40 Killed and 100 Injured Due to Observance of Independence Day, Throughout Nation.

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, July 5. — Upward of two score persons are killed and more than 100 injured in accidents attributed to Fourth of July celebrations throughout the ecuntry.

The size of the numbers dead marks an upward trend in Independence Day casualties which had been decreasing for many years since the safe and sane Fourth idea took effect.

ART AND BABY SHOP OPENED IN SOMMER

An Art and Baby shop was opened in the Sommer building last Thursday by Mrs. Adolph Newlin and Mrs. J. McNamee. "We have everything for the baby, stamped goods and do hemstitching and stamping," they announce. They have many beautiful finished models on display. One of their special attractions is a case of dainty gifts for new arrivals. Everyone is invited to come and bring their babies and see the display without being under any obligation to buy.

Prohibition Act Defective.

RENO, Nev., July 5.—Nevada was without a state prohibition law Wednesday as a result of a decision by the supreme court, handed down at Carson City Tuesday, declaring unconstitutional the state dry law passed at the last session of the legislature.

The majority opinion of the court stated that "the title of the act in question fails to express a subject and therefore is fatally defective."

The measure purported to enact as a state law the Volstead act. Two men charged with violating it tested the law and were ordered discharg'd from custody.

Swimming Pool Collapses.

NEW YORK, July 5.—A new $63,000 salt water swimming pool, said to be the largest in the United States, collapsed Wednesday, when filled for the first time and flooded the Midland beach amusement resort on Staten island. There were no swimmers in the pool. It contained 1,500,000 gallons of water.

Three Killed In Car Wreck

(By Associated Press)

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 5 —Three men are killed and two are injured as a result of an automobile wreck here. The car plunged through a railing of a bridge across the East Fork of the Lewis river at Heisson, 21 miles northeast of Vancouver early today.

The dead, all of Yacolt, are: Mike Schilling, 60, contractor; Frank Diegel, 45, timekeeper for the Clarke County Timber company at Yacclt, and Jack Marshall, timber worker, railroad engineer and Canadian overseas veteran.

The injured who will probably recover are: Thomas Peterson, 30, and Oliver Perry, 30. The automobile fell fifteen feet, turning completely over.

PRESIDENT ON BOARD VESSEL

Ready for Last Lap of Trip to Alaska; Lays Wreaths on Legionnaires' Graves at Centralia.

TACOMA, July 5.—The President made public here today correspondence between himself and directors of the American Iron and Steel institute, and in a statement incorporated as part of his address here, said that a "large majority of the steel manufacturers have undertaken to abolish the 12 hour day of the American Steel industry at the earliest moment and that additional labor required shall be available.

(By Associated Press)

TACOMA, Wash. July 5.—President Harding arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning on the overland trip preliminary to embarking for Alaska. The drizzle did not dampen the enthusiasm of the crowds.

Following his address at the stadium the party boarded the transport Henderson, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Visited Centralia.

(By Associated Press)

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 5.—President Harding stopped the train here long enough this morning for him to visit two cemetaries where he laid wreaths on the graves of four American Legion men killed by I. W. W. in the Armistice day fracas in 1919.

Regrets Gibbons' Failure.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., July 5.—A resolution regretting that Tommy Gibbons failed to "knock Jack Dempsey's block off" was adopted Wednesday by the executive committee of the Arizona state department of the American Legion which was in session here to transact legion business. The resolution follows:

"Resolved that the executive committee of the American Legion, department of Arizona, having been informed at the conclusion of its general session of the result of the Gibbons-Dempsey fight, regrets that Gibbons failed 'to knock Dempsey's block off!'"

$500,000 Strewn In Road.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—A taxicab, carrying $500,000 in currency, coin, and notes from the Bank of Italy to the federal reserve bank, smashed into a street car here Wednesday, scattering the money and notes over the street, and slightly injuring Police Detective Fred Pearl, who was in the taxicab as a guard.

Several by-standers offered to pick up the money and notes, but Pearl drew his pistol and advised them that the two bank messengers who accompanied him would attend to that little detail.

SCOUTS TO TAKE ANNUAL OUTING

About 42 boys scouts of La Grande will leave here Monday morning for summer camp up the Grande Ronde River, according to announcements made today. By working an ice cream concession at the Old Oregon Trail celebration at Meacham they are prepared to finance the trip. An advance party, in charge of Jeff Bean, will leave Saturday to prepare the camp for the arrival of the main body of scouts.

All boys planing on going are urged to have their equipment at the city hall not later than Friday morning. The camp is to continue for two weeks—July 9 to July 23. The greater part of the journey will be made by auto.

In case any boy should desire to communicate with A. E. Prike, in charge of the camp, they should leave word at the city treasurer's office.

PAGEANT WAS ENJOYED BY PRESIDENT

Honors Sturdy Pioneers in Address at Top O' Blue Mountains.

ABOUT 25,000 AT PAGEANT TUESDAY

Was Greatest Day in History of Eastern Oregon from a Sentimental Standpoint.

(By the Associated Press)

MEACHAM, Ore., July 5.—Carried in fancy back more than half a century President and Mrs. Harding saw reproduced here Tuesday the scenes of Oregon's pioneer days and traveled the Old Oregon Trail, the road which saved an empire.

Here in the little town of Meacham on the top of the Blue mountains were reenacted for the chief executive of the nation and his wife the stirring events of the early days of the last century—events which brought about the inclusion of the "Oregon Country" in the American union.

Few Pioneers Left.

It was an unusual day for Mr. and Mrs. Harding. They have had and will have no other days like it on their trip to the West, and when they waved a parting farewell from the observation platform of their train late in the day the curtain went down on a scene which perhaps never will be reproduced for the days of the pioneers and of covered wagons are over, and those who re-lived their old lives Tuesday soon will pass from the "empire" they have founded.

Because of the unusual day, devoted to celebration of the long trek of the pioneers over the Old Oregon Trail, the President and Mrs. Harding enjoyed it to the utmost, declaring it to have been one of the great days of their trip. The town of Meacham has only fifty inhabitation, but it reached the proportions of a fair-sized city today as automobiles, special trains and wagons and carts poured thousands into the little valley in which lies fringed about by Oregon's pine forests. It was difficult to estimate the number of those here to take part in the celebration and to greet the head of the government. Those in charge of the celebration estimated there were twenty to twenty-five thousand.

Cavalry Escorts Train.

The president and Mrs. Harding found thousands awaiting them when their train came to a standstill at nine o'clock this morning beside the grounds where the celebration was held. Horsemen from La Grande wearing cavalry uniforms of the Civil War days had escorted their train into the valley and cowboys and cowgirls rode daringly up to the train to extend the greetings of the Oregon pioneers.

An old Concord coach with leather springs, drawn by a team of six horses and driven by Joe Woods of La Grande waited beside the train and the President and his wife were placed within it for a ride through the valley and through a little creek to a reviewing stand erected on the hillside. Dignitaries of the state, Governor Pierce and Senators McNary and Stanfield, with Governor Hart of Washington and the other members of the Presidential party followed in automobiles.

Arriving at the reviewing stand the president found seated about him pioneers who entered the Oregon territory prior to 1853 and before him those who came immediately after. Tears almost came into the yes of the president as he shook hands with some of the older ones, and listened to their stories of their pioneer days.

Reviews Pageant.

Been over the hill top appeared a strange sight. It was the beginning of a pageant which depicted the early days beginning with Captain Gray, who discovered the Columbia river in 1792, John Jacob Astor, founder of Astoria, and the Wilson Price Hunt party which left St. Louis in 1810 and blazed the Oregon Trail.

There followed in succession a ser-

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Chief Rebukes Those Who Doubt Historical Stories

Senator Bruce Dennis Master of Ceremonies at Meacham Tuesday Afternoon.

Senator Bruce Dennis, representative of Union and Wallowa counties in the Oregon Senate and owner and publisher of the La Grande Evening Observer, served as master of ceremonies at the patriotic addreses, including that of President Harding, at Meacham.

Following Senator Dennis' introduction by Walter E. Meacham, president of the Old Oregon Trail Association, he took the stand and addressed the assembly as follows:

"Fellow Citizens: Today let us celebrate this great event of American history in a most solemn and impressive manner.

Many have dressed in old-time costumes, not as a burlesque, but with the most profound and sincere respect and reverence for the noble men and women who crossed the desert and won the great northwest.

Let us today try to emulate the spirit as well as the dress of the pioneer.

I hope it will be possible for us to sincerely think this afternoon of the pioneer and his wagon train: of the western country as he found it: of the Indian dangers, the privations, the hunger and the hardships which marked his journey westward.

I hope it will be possible for us to mingle our sympathy today with the man who lost his helpmate on the long journey and left her body buried by the Oregon Trail while he with his motherless children trudged onward to the West."

Senator Dennis then introduced Governor Moore, of Idaho, Congressman Scott, of Montana, Governor Hart, of Washington, Mrs. Bean, of Washington, and called the roll of pioneers who came to Oregon in earlier days. Then the Union County Chamber of Commerce quartette sang two selections followed by other numbers, which included two songs by Leah Leuska, Portland singer of national renown, and then the introduction of Governor Walter M. Pierce—"Our Walter."

In introducing the President Senator Dennis stated:

"We have with us as guests today many notable men and women of the nation whom you desire to meet and who wish to know you.

Carved from the original Oregon Country are the state of Idaho, Washington and Montana as well Oregon, and we will now hear from Governor Moore of Idaho.

When this nation was quivering from pains of the World War; when the reconstruction period loomed before every citizen with its many perplexing and dangerous problems, it was then that, to many of us at least, it seemed a Kind Providence reached out a saving hand among Americans and selected a man for this nation's head who has proceeded fearlessly but carefully guiding the nation in a safe, sane and common sense course.

When American history is written for future generations to read, it will tell of a most remarkable leadership during a period when the entire world was rent with dissension and strife; it will tell how a plain man from America's rank and file of citizenry held the nation in a firm, steady manner until readjustment was made and happiness and contentment of the people was restored and how he established the World Court to prevent humanity from future wars. That man has honored us with his presence today and it is a great honor and a distinct pleasure for me to now present to you, Our President."

Departs From Address.

President Harding, who took the stand while the thousands present were cheering him vociferously, departed from the prepared address after speaking of the work of Marcus Whitman to rebuke those who had alleged that some historical tales, such as those of Paul Revere and Marcus Whitman might be untrue. "If they're not true, they ought to be," said the chief executive, and "it is the inspiration of love and duty to the country that counts more than anything else."

MEACHAM, Ore., July 5—President Harding stopped here Tuesday on his western trip to pay homage to the memory of the sturdy pioneers who founded Oregon and saved to the nation the great northwest.

Speaking at exercises commemorating the eightieth anniversary of the blazing of the Oregon Trail, the Executive declared the American people owe to those pioneers a debt of gratitude which they never can repay. Their victory, he asserted, proclaimed the strength of resolute purpose to do for themselves, not asking the government to do, but for government only to sanction or permit.

"We may reasonably do more today," he said, "than rejoice in possession of the imperial domain which they revealed, and the life they made possible to the verile, aspiring and confident Northwest. I find new assurances in recalling the heroism, the resolution, the will to conquer of these pioneers.

"I wish I might more effectively visualize them. Not very long ago I saw the covered wagon in the moving picture. I sat entranced. There was more than the picturesque, more than sorrow and discouragement, more than appealing characters and enthralling heroism. There was more than the revelation of the irresolute, who failed in fitness to survive, more than the revelation of the irresolute, who failed in fitness to survive, more than tragedy and comedy in their inseparable blend. There was more than the scouts who surpassed our fancies, more than nature's relentless barriers revealed. Everywhere aflame was the soul of unalterable purpose and the commanding sturdiness of elemental greatness. Still more, there was determination to do themselves, not asking the government to do, but for government only to sanction or permit.

"Much the same spirit was revealed in the making of the Central West, where the determined pioneers builded in the confidence which they had in themselves. They battled with nature and every obstacle which they encountered, herces perished without fame's acclaim, and they conquered and wrote big their part in the making of the greater Republic. Their victory proclaimed the strength of resolute purpose, and the human genius, confidence in itself and eager to achieve on its own account.

"The lesson can not fail to impress itself. In this test of self-reliant citizenship there came the rugged, militant, wholesome West. Greater things were wrought, larger accomplishment was recorded, greater victory was won in this wholesome, inspiring individualism than will ever attend paternalism or government assumption of the tasks which are the natural inheritance of the builders who may better serve for themselves. Government may well provide opportunity, but the worth-while accomplishment is the privilege and the duty of men."

Weather Forecast

Portland, July 5. — Fair tonight and Friday.