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## ALASKAN AID ADVOCATED BY HOOVER

Secretary of Commerce Declares Positive Steps Must Be Taken.

## SALMON INDUSTRY NEEDS ATTENTION

Temporary Reduction of the Fish Taken From Alaskan Waters and Enlarged Propagation Necessary.

(By Associated Press)  
Abroad U. S. S. Henderson, July 25.—Declaring "pious statements, scientific discussion and political oratory will not spawn salmon" Secretary Hoover, as head of the governmental department having to do with Alaskan fisheries asserted in a statement today that there must be a temporary reduction in the number of fish taken from Alaskan waters and at the same time there must be constructive measures for enlarging propagation. Otherwise, he said, salmon fishing, now one of the largest of Alaska's industries, will be lost in a few years.

Mr. Hoover in his statement which was based on close range study given the Alaskan fisheries question while in the territory as a member of President Harding's party expressed hope that congress would act at the forthcoming session to give federal administration agencies more constructive authority. Any new legislation, he added, must be of the broadest scope possible as the method of regulation must vary with each locality and because of dealing with problems of wide human and property interest should afford a method of appeal to some independent commission or authority.

The secretary said he had found unanimous support among Alaskans for action taken by federal government in creating fish reserves in western Alaska by constructive work and in order to obtain advice as to the administration of those reserves and as to the best form needed legislation should take he proposed to create in Alaska an advisory board.

Secretary Hoover's statement follows: "I have had an opportunity of consulting with scores of people in Alaska on the fisheries question—with fishermen, cannerymen, public officials, business men and experts, in public hearings, and otherwise.

"There has not been a single dissent from the conclusions that there must be strong and immediate restrictions on salmoy fishing if we are to preserve the industry from the same destruction that has ruined many of our national fisheries elsewhere. In fact, it should have been undertaken in Alaska years ago. Moreover throughout western Alaska, where actual measures have been taken, I have found unanimous support of the policy of the department (Continued on Page Six.)

## WALLOWA SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS ON THE INCREASE

SALEM, Or., July 25.—The enrollment of the high schools of Wallowa county during the last year was 366, an increase of ten pupils over the enrollment of the previous year, according to the annual report of County Superintendent Conley, which has been filed with J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools.

The report shows that there were 125 teachers employed to teach 2125 pupils in the public schools of the county. The men teachers received an average monthly salary of \$121 and the women \$119. There are seventy school districts in the county, sixty of which are one room schools. Fifty-three of the sixty pupils enrolled in the twelfth grade of the high schools were graduated in June. From the eighth grade 131 pupils were graduated.

Wallowa Schools Small.  
SALEM, July 25.—Of the 70 school districts in Wallowa county, 69 maintain but one-room schools, according to the annual report of County Superintendent Conley, filed with J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools. The report shows total enrollment of 2125 pupils in the schools of the county, with 125 teachers employed.

## Weather Forecast

Portland, July 25.—Fair tonight and Thursday and cooler tonight in the east portion.

## Cove Barn Is Razed by Fire

COVE, July 25.—(Special)—Cove citizens were alarmed Monday when a barn, on the property belonging to Mrs. Helen Boswell, suddenly burst into flames. The barn was in close proximity to the residence, but willing hands managed to save the house.

## ADD TO ANIMAL LIFE AT PARK

Three Pairs of Red Fox Baby Squirrels Shipped to Riverside Park From Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Tap Thomas, Riverside park caretakers, are rejoicing at the arrival at the park of three pairs of baby red fox squirrels, which came all the way from Kansas City and are now "at home" on the front porch of the park lodge. At the end of a month's time they will be loosed in the park at intervals of two days each, and it is believed that they will build their nests and set up homes for themselves. If they do so they will prove a welcome addition to animal life in the park unless molested by children or dogs. The squirrels are tame and will eat from one's fingers and perch on one's shoulders.

A reporter of the Observer at the Riverside Park states that "never has the park been more gorgeous. Roses, phlox, hollyhocks, and Shasta daisies are blooming and the red squirrels, one of the most beautiful flowers at the park, is a joy to behold."

"The lake is just right for children to swim in and is proving a veritable mecca for the youngsters each afternoon. The tourist park is comfortably full each night but not crowded. The tourists and their families seem to enjoy the park, adjacent to the tourist camping grounds, very much."

## BAND DANCE IS TOMORROW EVE

Another series of summer dances that are rapidly gaining prestige in La Grande socially will be held tomorrow evening when the La Grande Municipal Band will give a dance at 8 o'clock in the evening. The dances will be preceded by an impromptu concert in the business section.

## Two Americans Arrested, Gun Smuggling Alleged

(By Associated Press)  
SHANGHAI, July 25.—Lawrence H. Kearney, American, accused of leading a plot for wholesale smuggling of arms into China, was arrested today at Chung Hai, a seaport, and brought here today and placed in prison.

C. V. Stein, another American, was arrested in connection with the same plot and is being brought to Shanghai.

Bread Crisis Averted.  
DUBLIN, (AP)—A threatened bread crisis was averted here Tuesday by the action of the government in supplying a troop of soldiers in response to an appeal from the bakery proprietors for a guard to protect the removal of yeast from the Amiens street station, which strikes pickets were holding up.

Report Hughes Decorated.  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., (AP)—Rupert Hughes, author and motion picture director, has been decorated by the Polish government with the Order of Polonia Restituta, grade of officer, according to word from Washington. During the World War, Hughes was a major in the army intelligence service and specialized in Polish affairs.

Must Cut Grass.  
City Manager F. B. Hayes is apprehensive that weeds and grass, allowed to grow unmolested in the city, will prove to be not only a nuisance but also a dangerous fire menace. A city ordinance covering this matter and weeds and grass must be cut by the citizens and property holders. In some portions of the city the grass and weeds, rank and high, are really an eye-sore, a nuisance, and a fire menace.

## PAROLE USE DEPLORED AT CONVENTION

Maudlin Sentiment Is Condemned by Northwest Sheriffs and Police Meeting at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 25.—Maudlin sentiment was condemned, at the Northwest Association of Sheriffs and Police convention, as a cause of laxity in the punishment of criminals.

It was said that under work of police officers was responsible for many releases and many cases were cited where criminals had been released on parole after serving only a fraction of their sentences.

In many instances where such parolees were given, the criminals returned to crime.

## FIREMEN HAMPERED BY LARGE CROWD

"Crowding to a fire in the manner that the public did last evening is not only dangerous to the spectators themselves but hampers the work of the fire department to a great degree," said Fire Chief C. O. Marchion this morning. "Last evening when an alarm was turned in that proved to be a trash fire in the rear of the Julius Roesch building that houses the new Buick headquarters, the volunteers were unable to get to the fire promptly due to interference and even when the blaze was out, the fire department truck had to wait until the crowd had dispersed in order to return to headquarters."

"The alarm in question was turned in at 9 o'clock and proved to be some trash burning in the alley, probably set by a carelessly thrown cigarette. No damage was done."

Several were arrested and prosecuted by the city officials for interfering with the work of the fire department and indignation was expressed in many city official headquarters today at the unnecessary flocking to a fire as occurred last night. If another fire had occurred while the truck was held up by the crowd, it would have been next to impossible for the fire department to get to the fire promptly. The police will hereafter show no leniency in dealing with such violations.

## Smith, Wanted by Police, Still Eludes Officers

George Smith, alleged to have shot C. W. Helman, cherry picker at Union, Sunday at midnight in a quarrel over the settlement of a debt, and who escaped arrest, is still at large, according to Sheriff Lee War-nick. Smith probably made his escape on a freight train and as yet, authorities both east and west, have not sighted him.

Helman, who was shot in the fleshy part of his left shoulder, is reported to be recovering nicely.

## Four Convicts Escape Prison

(By Associated Press)  
SALEM, July 25.—Four convicts, Hubert Barry, Richard Moore, James Arnold and Lionel J. Hobson, escaped from the state prison brickyard here Tuesday by concealing themselves in a freight car which was shunted out of the prison grounds.

(By Associated Press)  
SALEM, July 25.—Three of the four convicts who escaped from the penitentiary late yesterday by hiding in a car of bricks and hauled from the prison brickyard, are still at large this morning. Authorities had no clue as to their whereabouts. James Arnold, one of the four, returned voluntarily last night.

## FRENCH CABINET BACKS POINCARE

Optimism Prevalent at Foreign Office; Premier's Reply to Pact Text Believed Ready.

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, July 25.—The French cabinet Tuesday unanimously approved Premier Poincare's attitude toward the British project for a reply to Germany's reparations note which the premier set forth to his colleagues Tuesday for the first time.

This was the only definite information that was obtainable after the meeting of the cabinet ministers. France and Belgium, it appears, already have practically agreed as to their position and the fact that the cabinet meeting which was to have been held Thursday was advanced two days to hear M. Poincare's report on the situation was taken in political circles as indicating that the premier's reply was ready and that it was negative on some of the important points in the British proposals.

Premier Poincare, it is learned from authoritative sources, regards the French position on the occupation of the Ruhr and on the reparations question generally as unshakable legally and morally and from the economic point of view, and the optimism that appears to reign about the foreign office is attributed to the confidence entertained there, that the British cabinet will, in the end, realize the strength of the French position and come to a compromise that will be acceptable.

France and Belgium Agree.  
BRUSSELS, July 25.—The exchange of views between Paris and Brussels have developed the fact that Premiers Poincare and Theunis are in perfect agreement on the fundamental questions raised in the British memorandum and the project for an identical reply to Germany's reparations proposals, according to authoritative information.

The negotiations will continue regarding some details, and it is thought here a meeting between the French and Belgian premiers may be required before final drafting of the reply to the British government, which will be made separately by France and Belgium.

## HARDING NOW EXPECTED TO DECIDE ISSUE

Filipinos Look to Chief Executive for Message; Recall of Governor Wood Is Demanded.

MANILA, July 25.—Six appointive representatives and senators of the Philippine legislature resigned Tuesday night as another move in the political strife which is waged about Governor General Leonard Wood. The nominal reason given by those who resigned was that they wished to give the governor general the opportunity to fill the positions with men who would not embarrass him.

Response Anticipated.  
MANILA, P. I., July 25.—President Harding's response to a formal demand by the legislature here Monday night that Governor General Leonard Wood be recalled at once, is anticipated as the next important development in the political strife which resulted last week in resignation of the entire personnel of the Philippine cabinet and council of state.

The recall demand was contained in a resolution adopted without a dissenting vote at a joint meeting of both houses of the legislature. All of the parties took part in the vote which endorsed the stand taken by the cabinet when its members quit in a body.

Governor Wood now is in the province of Samar on an inspection of health conditions there. Smouldering hostility between Filipino officials and Governor General Wood was rekindled recently by the governor's re-appointment of Ray Conley, American head of the Philippine secret service, after the latter had been absolved of charges of bribery. This led to the resignation of Jose P. Laurel, secretary of the interior, who accused Conley.

Then followed numerous sessions of heads of the political parties and finally, on July 17, members of the cabinet and council of state, headed by Manuel Quezon, president of the senate and principal foe of the Wood administration, went in a group to the governor general's office and presented their formal resignations. They were accepted.

Marked At New Low Point.  
NEW YORK, July 25.—German marks touched a new low point today. They are quoted at one million for \$1.50.

Dempsey To Fight Firpo.  
NEW YORK, July 25.—Jack Dempsey and Luis Firpo signed for a bout in the United States soon, the date yet to be selected.

Convicted of Charge.  
DENVER, July 25.—Father Walter A. Grace, pastor of the Catholic church at Arvada, a suburb, was convicted today by the United States district court on the charge of forging a permit for application to ship liquor into Colorado.

## Oust "Poison Pen" Charges

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, July 25.—Indictments charging George Maxwell, president of the American Association of Authors, Composers and Publishers, with forging and sending to Allan A. Ryan and others poison pen letters attacking the character of Mrs. Ryan and a dozen other women, were dismissed today by Judge McIntyre.

DETROIT, July 25.—Twelve hundred persons charged with violating Detroit's traffic laws faced city judges today. Eight hundred were charged with speeding.

## COUNTY CROPS LOOKING GOOD

Farmer's Field Tour Conducted Yesterday Proved Very Successful; 35 Made Trip.

The farmers field inspection tour of Union county, held yesterday, proved very successful, according to reports from members of the party. In addition to the places on the regular schedule several other ranches and farms, including the Peter McDonald ranch, Mrs. John Smith's farm, properties belonging to J. A. Gaskill, Ruth McKennon, Frank McKennon, Tom Johnson and experienced pilots. Conditions, on the whole, were found very good in Union county.

At the Dobbin farm they inspected the wheat, finding it in very good condition and at the Smith farm inspected the wheat relative to disease. The best field of certified seed potatoes were found at the Ruth McKennon farm and the best field of pure seed wheat at Gaskill's.

Fertilizer as compared with no fertilizer on land used to grow alfalfa was demonstrated at Frank McKennon's farm and at the Experiment Station at Union they discussed the varieties of spring grain. Squirrel poisoning was demonstrated at Tom Johnson's farm, where they also inspected his purebred hogs, which he is grooming for the Pacific International Live Stock Show in Portland this fall.

About 35 made the trip, eating lunch at Gaskill's and returning to La Grande last evening about five o'clock.

## Johnson Fails To Give Views

NEW YORK, (AP)—An informal call of Mayor Hylan and an equally informal luncheon at the National Republican club were the principal events Tuesday on the program of Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, whose return from Europe Monday was heralded by his friends as the launching of his candidacy for the presidency of the United States.

Senator Johnson refused to discuss his views on the 1924 political situation or on the present European situation. After his conference with the mayor he returned to his hotel, where he said he would work until late Tuesday night on a speech he will deliver Wednesday night at a dinner given in his honor by admirers, who were recalled as "Bull Moose" supporters in the campaign of 1912.

The Market.  
PORTLAND, July 25.—Livestock steady; eggs two cents higher with select 28 to 29 cents; butter steady.

## Union County Pioneers Picnic Tomorrow At Riverside Park

The annual Union County Pioneer picnic is expected to be one of the most successful meetings of the kind ever held. Despite the fact that pioneers of Union county are gradually decreasing in numbers, scores still remain and they, accompanied by their families and friends, will gather Thursday to make the day one of the most memorable of the year.

The program, announced today by T. H. Crawford, president of the Union county pioneers, is very well arranged and is as follows:  
Morning.  
Opening Exercises: 10:30 o'clock. Prayer by the chaplain of the day, Rev. A. B. Sifton. Address of Welcome by President T. H. Crawford. Response by Dunham Wright of Medford Springs. Music: Vocal solo by Mrs. Edith Pys of Union.  
Address of the day, either by J. L. Carter of Portland, if he can be present or by Bruce Dennis of La Grande. Music: Vocal solo (collected) by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, of La Grande.  
Basket Dinner.  
A basket dinner will be served at the park at 12:00 o'clock. Just preceding and following the dinner hour the La Grande Municipal Band will favor the audience with some excellent music.

## CLOUD BURST DAMAGE SAID \$1,500,000

Wyoming Visited by Three Terrific Deluges in 36-Hour Period.

## RAILROADS OVER STATE DEMORALIZED

Bridges Out, Towns Flooded; Burlington Railroad Suffers \$750,000 Damage to Tracks.

CASPER, Wyo., July 25.—Three cloudbursts during the last 36 hours caused floods in northwestern Wyoming. The latest reports said that the water is rising at Thermopolis, 200 miles north of here.

Water from the Bighorn river is nearly covering the tracks at the depot, the highest point in the city. The entire town of Boonville is under from two to five feet of water.

Early estimates placed the damage at \$1,500,000. The Burlington railroad suffered \$750,000 loss to tracks covering 80 miles.

A number of bridges are out on the Northwestern railroad between Casper and Lander. Railroad traffic in general is demoralized.

## WARFARE LOOMS BETWEEN GUARDS AND RUM FLEETS

NEW YORK, July 25.—Marine warfare between coast guards and the rum fleet off the Jersey coast loomed among the interesting possibilities of the summer rum running drive Tuesday.

Commander A. J. Ahern of the coast guard cutter Seminole, returning from patrol about the fleet, reported to Captain Reed, local chief of the coast guard service, that he had heard threats to fill the prohibition agents full of lead.

"If they fire on you, return it," Captain Reed ordered. The threats against the government forces came from the British schooner Thornycroft, according to Ahern. Late Monday night, he said, the Seminole ran alongside the Thornycroft and seized a motor dory laden with 20 cases of liquor. It was then, he said, that the threat to "fill 'em with lead" was voiced. The Seminole departed with her prize before any shot was fired.

The rum fleet, Ahern said, now covers a stretch of 35 miles off the coast and includes vessels of British, French and Norwegian registry.

Some of the vessels, he said, are sending out empty launches as decoys in an effort to draw the coast guard off on fruitless chases, while other launches run liquor ashore.

Besides the decoy captured at the Thornycroft's side, the Seminole Monday night captured another dory with 100 cases of liquor and arrested the crew of three.

