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CHIEF TELLS OF ALASKAN DIFFICULTIES

President Harding Opposes the Exploitations of Resources.

SAYS DEVELOPMENT MUST BE NATURAL

Early Statehood is Favored; Alaska's Beauty is Praised by Chief Executive.

ABOARD PRESIDENT HARDING'S SPECIAL TRAIN, July 28.—Prominent among the subjects of the day before yesterday aboard the transport Henderson and aggravated by five hours spent in Seattle yesterday. It is not considered serious by Brigadier General Sawyer, the president's physician, but as requiring absolute rest for a day. Crowds in Oregon towns today were disappointed by not seeing the president.

(By Associated Press) SEATTLE, July 28.—President Harding returned from his Alaskan trip Friday and in an address delivered here reported to the American people that he had found nothing wrong with their great northern territory; that there is no broad "problem of Alaska," and that Alaska "is all right and is doing well."

"I do not believe Alaska can be forced or that it should be," he added. "There is no need of government-managed, federally-aided development. There is to be no reckless sacrificing of resources which ought to be held in order to turn them to immediate profits."

"Where there is a possibility of betterment in the federal administration, improvement should and will be effected. But there is no need for sweeping reorganization."

Aid Needed in Development.

The president enumerated a number of ways in which the development of the territory should be aided. He declared against ruinous exploitation of natural resources and urged "a development of Alaska for Alaskans." He recommended more restrictions on salmon fishing, the territory's greatest industry, and promised that if congress was unable to agree on a program of helpful legislation, he, by executive order, would extend the present reservations and their regulations.

Restrictions with respect to utilization of the forests, he said, might well be lightened. Development of Alaska's coal mines must await time and the normal urging of economic conditions, he submitted, but the government should do whatever is necessary to encourage leasing and development of oil lands.

Other conclusions presented by Mr. Harding were that generous appropriations should be for road (Continued on Page Five.)

BOWMAN-HICKS TO BUILD 40 HOUSES AT BISHOP MEADOWS

WALLOWA, July 28.—Work started early this week on the construction of forty houses at Bishop Meadows, by the Bowman-Hicks Lumber Co. A crew of carpenters left Tuesday for the work and the lumber and wagons from the Nibley-Blinnough Mill. The houses will be of modern construction and will have modern conveniences.

An office building has already been constructed of peeled logs, and presents an excellent appearance. This structure is about thirty by forty feet in size, and is the business center of the company's logging operations. Provisions will be made for about five hundred people as soon as the building can be completed. The roads from here to the camp are in a very shabby and the hauling of lumber is a serious problem.

Work is being pushed on the railroad grade to Bishop Meadows, with several crews engaged in the work. The grade is necessarily a strong one as standard 36 pound rails are used.

Weather Forecast

Portland, July 28.—Fair, continuing warmer tonight and Sunday.

Plan Seaside Auto Caravan

The American Legion County Council, composed of representatives of Union county posts—Imbler, Elgin, Cove, North Powder, Union and La Grande, will meet in regular monthly session at Imbler Monday evening.

Several matters are to be acted upon at the Monday meeting, chief among them being preparations for Union County's representation at the Legion convention to be held at Seaside, Oregon in the near future. An attempt will be made to organize an auto caravan from Union county to join a like caravan in Umatilla county.

La Grande will be well represented at the meeting at Imbler, about 15 or 20 being expected to be present from this city. Imbler has worked up a reputation of being "most above top" and Legionnaires all over the county looking forward to the meeting with anticipation.

STATE PRISON SHAKE-UP SEEN

Governor Pierce Riled By Policy of Present Warden; Escapes Worry Executive.

A change in the wardenship of the Oregon state penitentiary and a general shake up in the personnel of the subordinate officials and employees of the institution was indicated here today as a Salem special dispatch to the Portland Oregonian.

Although neither Governor Pierce nor Warden Irvine, private secretary to the executive, would make any definite statement regarding the rumor that Johnson Smith is soon to sever his connection with the prison, friends of the governor admitted that the conduct of the institution is not satisfactory and that one of two men will likely receive the appointment as warden.

Since the escape of four men from the brickyard Tuesday afternoon, which was preceded during the past four months by the desertion of more than 30 convicts, considerable pressure has been brought upon Governor Pierce to appoint Henry Downing warden of the institution. Mr. Downing formerly was connected with the penitentiary and during the last campaign acted as chairman of the Marion county democratic central committee. He lives in Salem.

Captain Lewis Backed.

Another faction, said to be headed by Portland residents, is urging the appointment of Captain Lewis of the Portland police department. It was urged that Captain Lewis has had much experience in handling convicts, and that his appointment would insure an efficient prison administration. It is now known here whether Captain Lewis has been approached regarding the appointment, and some doubt was expressed as to whether he would accept the position if it is tendered to him by the governor.

Friends of the governor said, however, that whoever is appointed to succeed Mr. Smith will have a free hand in the employment of subordinates. This policy would place the governor in a position to hold the warden wholly responsible for the conduct of the institution and eliminate political wire pulling among the army of job hunters who have swarmed the state house during the change of administration last winter.

Prison Worries Pierce.

It was reported tonight that Governor Pierce has been out of sympathy with the so-called humane policy adopted by Warden Smith for some time past, and during the past few days has informed friends that he would have named him more worthy than all of the other state department members combined. It was not until Tuesday's break at the prison, however, that the intimation came from (Continued on Page Three)

HIRAM JOHNSON RENEWS WARNING

ST. PAUL, (AP)—"Armed revolution" is among the possibilities the United States faces unless conditions are changed, declared Magnus Johnson, Farmer-Labor senator-elect, Friday, reiterating his statement made to the Associated Press Thursday. "I intend to emphasize," Mr. Johnson said, "that this country should not consider itself immune from armed revolution although naturally all other means will be exhausted before the people of the United States would resort to arms."

"I am not a Revolutionary and I W. W. but there is no use disguising the fact that serious unrest is manifest throughout the country. I did not intend to suggest revolution as a means to accept a change. I simply wanted to point out that we must not blind ourselves in the belief that it is an impossibility."

DEPUTY SHERIFF IS APPOINTED PRO TEM

Fred M. Huffman, of La Grande, experienced as an officer of the law, has been appointed deputy sheriff of Union county to serve in this capacity during the absence of John Stricker, who is confined to the Hot Lake Sanatorium convalescing from an operation.

The latest reports from Hot Lake state that Mr. Stricker is recovering nicely.

COUNTY SCENE OF INDUSTRY, HARVESTING ON

Winter Wheat Harvest To Begin Next Week; Hay Practically All Up; Cleaning up on Cherries.

The Grande Ronde Valley, already a scene of industry with harvesters working overtime picking cherries and getting the first crop of hay up, will take on an added hue next week when the winter wheat harvest will swing into being. The grain has been ripening rapidly during the past week or so and in some portions of the line cut. The greater share of the winter wheat, however, has not been touched as yet. Cool weather and rains in June and early July resulted in delaying maturity of the crop.

Harvesters are starting in the Sand Ridge country this week according to a statement made to the Elgin Recorder by County Commissioner John Wells. He stated that much grain is down and farmers have been compelled to cut a lot of fine grain for hay in order to realize anything from the crop.

Mr. Wells states that more grain has been going down as the heads matured and a larger acreage has fallen than was at first expected.

Big Yield For County.

Elgin and vicinity is looking forward to a bumper crop. A reporter of the Observer, riding through the Elgin district recently, found the grain fields in wonderful shape with storm damage negligible. Closer to La Grande, however, several fields were noticed where the grain was fallen, oft times seriously enough to make harvesting nearly impossible. Despite the damage it is believed that the county as a whole will yield more than a normal crop of winter wheat and spring wheat is sure to yield heavily.

Throughout the valley the hay crop has been cut and is now drying in the fields preparatory for stacking. From the appearance of many fields the yield is above normal.

Cleaning Up Cherries.

In the La Grande vicinity the cherry crops are practically cleaned up, although it will probably be several days before the last pickings are made.

Near Cove and Union the pickers and packers are swinging into their last week. The greater share of the crop has been attended to and carload after carload of beautiful cherries have left from the two towns cherry centers of Eastern Oregon, for outside points via Union Junction.

Cove pickers are now stationed on the uplands and are glomping the later fruits. From now on the work will be erratic with only the later maturing fruits to come in.

CENTRALIA GIRL PASSES ON HERE

Rose Pratt, the nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pratt, of Centralia, Washington, died in La Grande last evening at 10:29 o'clock at the close of a three weeks illness from which she failed to rally.

The remains will be forwarded to Centralia for burial and are at present at the Bohlenkamp Chapel.

Heavies Will Fight in N.Y.

NEW YORK, July 28.—Jack Dempsey will meet Luis Angel Firpo in a 15-round fight to a decision for the world heavy weight championship at the Polo Grounds, New York, Friday, September 14, Tex Rickard announced today.

Prices will range from \$3 to \$25, the lowest on record for a heavyweight championship bout. Promoters expect a crowd of 80,000 at the match.

WILL FINISH PACKING TODAY

Cherry Packers on Their Last Lap; Fruit of This Vicinity to be on Way to Markets by Wednesday.

The Lamb Fruit company, cherry packing and shipping concern of Milton-Freewater, who have been occupying the C. W. Bunting warehouse during the past two weeks, will finish their packing this afternoon. A force of 40 packers have been busy for the past two weeks and, turning out an average of one carload of the finished products per day, are now on the last leg of the season's "job."

A. W. Johnson, representing the company here, stated today that they had shipped out nine carloads of cherries to date, four cars of Royal Annes and five cars of blacks including Lamberts, Blings and Black Republicans. The greater share went to Eastern Markets and to Pacific Coast points.

"We have handled about 75 per cent of the cherry crop in La Grande and Imbler and surrounding territory and find that the orchards in this section of the county are real producers. Barry and Shira, near La Grande in the Maypark district, and Turner Oliver both have orchards far above the ordinary and they, with the McFarland and Lefel orchards, have been bringing us some wonderful fruit."

The packing company devoted the first week to handling the Royal Anne and the past week in preparing the blacks for the market.

In the other packing houses in La Grande the same condition exists—packers on their last lap, handling the last fruit. By Wednesday every cherry handled through the various concerns will be on their way to outside points.

Over Score Men Die In Maltzy Colliery Blast

SHEFFIELD, England, July 28.—Twenty-one men are believed to have been killed by an explosion in Maltzy Colliery. Fire has been causing trouble in the workings for some weeks.

ANGRY CROWD STORMS I. W. W. HEADQUARTERS

Red Flag of Organization, Whose Longshoremen are Striking, Tore Down and Old Glory Demanded.

NEW YORK, July 28.—A crowd today stormed the Hoboken headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World, whose longshoremen are striking.

The mob torn down and burned the organization's red flag floating over the building.

Hoboken citizens had protested against the use of the red flag and demanded that the Stars and Stripes be raised.

New York headquarters of the I. W. W. telegraphed a protest to Governor Silzer of New Jersey and charged that the attack had been made by members of the International Longshoremen's Association, which had called back its members from the strike.

Close On Plants.

CHICAGO, July 28.—An agreement of some 25 leading oil refiners of the mid continent field yesterday to close their plants during August to combat heavy production will be investigated by the United States District Attorney's office.

BROTHER OF FORMER SECRETARY OF WAR 'BUM RUM RUNNER'

NEW YORK, July 28.—Julius C. Baker, brother of former Secretary of War Newton A. Baker, Friday confessed himself as a failure as an amateur rum-runner and was fined \$1000. Meanwhile his thirty-foot cabin cruiser "Modest" and six cases of whiskey it carried are being held by the government.

"I have never even thought of bringing in any liquor until the opportunity and temptation together suddenly presented themselves," Baker said.

"Thursday I was preparing to test a new anchor I had bought for my yacht, and just as I was ready to sail, along came Harry Hayst so I asked him to go with me.

"We cruised around for a while and presently found we were in the midst of the rum fleet. At that moment it occurred to me that one of the clubs was giving a dance Saturday night, and here was a chance to get something to liven the party up, without paying exorbitant prices."

GERMANS SEEKING U. S. SURPLUS WHEAT

BERLIN, July 28.—Fritz Physien, Ruhr industrial magnate, visited the American Ambassador Houghton today and discussed with him the food shortage in the Ruhr area.

German newspapers are asking insistently by the United States cannot send their surplus of grain to Germany.

They suggest that the Americans improve the wheat price by letting Germany have the surplus on easy terms.

Union Host To County Grange

UNION, July 28.—(Special)—The annual picnic of the Union county Grange is being held today at the Experimental Station, situated about one quarter mile west of Union Grangers from all parts of the county are present and with the weather nearly perfect, it is believed that today's event will go down as one of the most successful in the history of the grange.

State Master George Palmer, of Hood River, and C. T. Dickenson, of Oswego, the head of the insurance work of the grange for Eastern Oregon, are expected to address the grangers today and several other speeches will be made by local officers.

Every Granger has along with him today a well filled basket and the entire assembly took part in a basket dinner at noon.

SPENCE TALKS OF MARKETING

Ups and Downs of Proposed Co-operative Association is Topic of Interview.

PORTLAND, July 28.—(Special)—How to get farmers into the various marketing organizations that are contemplated to cover the varied products of the average farm in Oregon, and not bury them with organization expenses, dues and stock buying is a matter that must be carefully considered before a co-operative association is undertaken, states C. E. Spence, state market agent.

"There is hardly a farm in western Oregon," he says, "but produces from four to six products that are necessary in the several co-operative associations being talked of. Wool, berries, apples, pork, potatoes—all are produced on the average farm, and separate selling agencies are needed to handle each product, so the promoters state.

"It will be hopeless to take these various products and expect the farmer to bear the expense of each. They will not do it—they can't. I believe a majority of them will sign marketing contracts for their products, if they can be shown that the organizations have fair chances to make good, but very few of them can stand the expenses that usually are a part of such organizations."

So this matter of expense at the start is one that needs to be carefully considered.

Asked how it would be possible to bring about selling agencies in any other way, Mr. Spence cited the State Egg Association, which was started several years ago. An arrangement was made with one of the old, reliable commission houses of Portland, which had a chain of market houses throughout the nation, to sell the entire egg receipts of the association for two cents a dozen. This plan, he stated, worked entirely satisfactorily for many months, until the association grew in strength and was able to establish its own marketing system.

"California is constantly held up to us as a model of co-operative marketing," said Mr. Spence, "but you must consider that everything is vastly different there from Oregon. In that state, the most of the products are raised in localities. One man raises oranges exclusively, another poultry, lemons, raisins and so on. It is not difficult to organize these localities, but in Oregon, where a half dozen products are the output of nearly every farm, the situation is hard to handle."

The Market

PORTLAND, July 28.—Livestock steady. Eggs and butter firm.

Wheat Quotations.

PORTLAND, July 28.—Hard White \$1.05; Western Red \$3.94.

FRENCH MAKE FIRM STAND RUHR POLICY

Reply to British Reparation Note To Be Delivered Soon.

COMMUNICATION IS SAID CONCILIATORY

Accepts Some British Suggestions and Asks Further Light on British Views in Others.

PARIS, July 28.—The French note to Great Britain in reply to the British suggestions as to a joint response to Germany's reparations memorandum, was said authoritatively to have been drafted with a determination to exhaust every means of reaching full accord with the British.

French Stands Firm.

(By the Associated Press) PARIS—The French reply to the British reparations note will be delivered in London Saturday or Sunday. It accepts some of the British suggestions and asks for further light on others. It maintains the principle of the Franco-Belgian declaration to the effect that passive resistance must cease before negotiations with Germany are undertaken.

The document will be communicated to London after the Belgian government has received a copy and had time to examine it. As soon as M. Herbet, the French ambassador in Brussels, reports that Premier Theunis has the map in hand, Count de Saint-Aulaire, French ambassador in London, will be notified to deliver the response to the British foreign office.

Note Is Conciliatory.

Premier Poincare's note accepting some of the British suggestions and expressing the wish to have further light on the British view concerning others, is regarded in French official circles as conciliatory. It is supposed on the best authority, nevertheless, to maintain absolutely the principles laid down by the French and Belgians in January that the occupation of the Ruhr will be maintained until the payment of reparations is assured and that the Ruhr will be evacuated only in proportion to the payments made and no negotiations entered into with Germany until her passive resistance ceases.

The French premier expressed a willingness to modify the occupation when this resistance ends, making it as nearly what the British call "invisible" as the necessities of the situation and the objects of the occupation permit.

The expectation here is that the separate Belgian reply to Great Britain will accord with the French on these points.

STEAMERS COLLIDE, ONE BADLY DAMAGED

SEATTLE, July 28.—The Japanese steamer, Mandusan Maru, inbound from the Orient via San Francisco and Portland, collided in a fog early today four miles west of Port Angeles, in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, with the steamship, Rainier, outbound for San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The Rainier was badly damaged, waterlogged and in peril. All of the crew excepting the captain and three men were taken off of the Rainier and aboard the Mandusan Maru.

Scarcity of Currency In Germany Causing A Crisis

LONDON, July 28.—The food situation in Germany is causing anxiety in London official quarters. Farmers are reported holding back their supplies because of the heavy currency depreciation. It was impossible to purchase butter, eggs or potatoes in Germany yesterday.

(By the Associated Press) BERLIN—Berlin is a city of penniless billionaires Friday night. Bank deposits and foreign bills of exchange were useless as the banks had only small amounts of currency, which were paid out in small bills and rationed until the supply was exhausted. Many tourists were unable to get money to continue their journey. The banks promise to have currency Saturday but no large bills are available in Berlin.

The shops in various parts of the city have exhausted their supplies of sugar, flour, rice and other staples and the police have been ordered to give special protection to food to transport.

The Reichsbank will not make any until Monday. The present official rate is 244,000 marks to the dollar, but speculators Friday were giving 300,000.

One of the most menacing effects of the collapse of the mark is mounting itself in the growing dearth of the food situation in Greater Berlin. This is ascribed directly to the depleted stores and price juggling by merchants, who are seeking to protect themselves against the complete extinction of the mark as currency and their resultant inability to procure fresh stocks.

Tea, coffee, rice and products of the tropics are already disappearing from the markets and there is also a pronounced shortage of potatoes, due to the belated harvest and the fact that the government has been Ruhr and the Rhineland.

The political aspects of the situation are such that the municipality of Greater Berlin has officially petitioned the federal government to take immediate steps to safeguard and reorganize the city's food supply and inaugurate a system of price control. This week's price index shows food to be 11,000 times the pre-war average.

