

## Condition of President Shows Improvement Today

## DR. SAWYER IS ENCOURAGED OVER RESULTS OF THE NIGHT

Presidential Headquarters, Palace Hotel San Francisco, July 31.—General Sawyer gave the Associated Press the following informal statement at 12:25 p. m. today:

"I am glad to report the president's condition as recited in this morning's bulletin, still holding favorable."

Secretary Christian arranged for the publication tomorrow morning in all the newspapers the address which President Harding prepared for delivery here tonight.

Presidential Headquarters, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, July 31.—President Harding appeared today to have won the preliminary skirmish in a fight against bronchial pneumonia and its complications.

A bulletin signed by five attending physicians said there had been no extension during the night or early this morning of the pneumonia areas, and that his heart action had definitely improved.

The president benefitted from a fairly comfortable night and had considerable restful sleep. He expressed himself as feeling better and less exhausted.

His temperature at 9 o'clock this morning was 100, pulse 120 and respiration 44.

Presidential Headquarters, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, July 31.—President Harding passed the "best night comparatively since he has been ill," Brigadier General Sawyer announced at 8 o'clock this morning.

"That augurs well and conditions seem to warrant the statement that the president has apparently gotten into clear sailing," was also stated by General Sawyer.

The president slept six hours, took some morphine this morning, read the morning newspapers and apparently felt better. The tension caused by the announcement of doctors late last night that bronchial pneumonia had developed in one lung was

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## American Legion Has Postponed Park Party For Another Week

Owing to the death of the wife of one of the members of the American Legion the Legion party announced for the city park tomorrow evening has officially been postponed until a week from tomorrow evening, August 8th, at which time the program prepared for the evening has been held tomorrow evening will be carried out.

## WARSHIPS TO BE AT MEETING

## Legion Boys to Be Honored With American Fighting Squadron.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31 (AP)—Twelve battleships, thirty-eight destroyers and numerous other vessels of the battle fleet of the United States navy will be in San Francisco Bay October 15 to 19, in conjunction with the fifth annual convention of the American Legion, according to advices from Theodore Roosevelt, acting secretary of the navy. Eleven hundred commissioned officers and twenty thousand men, under Admiral R. A. Coontz, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, will constitute the personnel of the great armada.

Vessels present are expected to include the battleships California, Maryland, New York, Texas, Arizona, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Idaho and Tennessee, and probably the Oklahoma, Mississippi and Nevada; the armored cruiser Seattle, Admiral Coontz's flagship; the destroyer-tender Melville; hospital ship Relief; the destroyers Delphy, Chauncey, Fuller, Percival, John Francis Barry, Farragut, Thompson, Kennedy, Paul Hamilton, William Jones, Woodbury, S. P. Lee, Nicholas, Young, Zeilen, McDermut, Yarborough, Lavolette, Sloat, Wood, Shirk, Kidder, Selfridge, Marcus, Mervine, Chase, Robert Smith, Mullaney, Hill, MacDonough, Farenholt, Sumner, Cary, Melvin and many smaller vessels.

## CANAL FOUGHT BY RAILROADS

ST. PAUL, July 31.—Application for permission for a reduction of rates on through business to the Pacific coast, to establish rates which will make it possible for the railroads to compete with vessel lines for this business, will be filed soon with the interstate commerce commission by the Northern Pacific railway, according to Charles Donnelly, president, Saturday.

Mr. Donnelly said that this is the advisable way to permit the railroads to participate in a part of this business which is now going through the hands of the coastwise steamship lines. He explained that a \$1.00 a ton on this through freight to the Pacific coast would produce more volume and, in the end, higher net revenues rather than an increase a mile or two on farm products.

"All of the railroads with lines serving the north Pacific coast are moving empty cars west in large numbers," Mr. Donnelly said. "These cars could be carried loaded at little additional cost of the interstate commerce commission would permit the making of rates to allow the railroads to handle a part of this business and place the railroads in competition with the water line."

President Ralph Budd of the Great Northern when asked if the railroads are planning to seek rate increases, said that with wages and costs of equipment and other things increasing, railroads must have relief.

## GOVE TO HEAR BAND WEDNESDAY

La Grande Municipal Organization Will Give Concert and Dance in Neighboring Town.

The La Grande Municipal Band will journey to the Cove tomorrow evening, and play a concert and dance.

A large number of people from La Grande are expected to make the trip as well as a large delegation from Union and surrounding towns.

The cherry town is alive with cherry pickers and packers and with the rush season drawing to a close, no more opportune time could be chosen than the present to wind up with a concert and dance.

## EXTRA SESSION TO AID FARMERS

MINNEAPOLIS, July 31 (A. P.)—President Harding was urged to call an extra session of congress without delay, to deal with agricultural problems affecting the nation, at a conference of four United States senators of the northwest here Monday.

The session was attended by Senators Menrik Shipstead of Minnesota, Smith W. Brookhart of Iowa, Lynn G. Frazier of North Dakota and Senator-elect Mangus Johnson of Minnesota.

After several closed conferences, the senators agreed that an extra session should be called at once, but decided to put forward no plan at this time for fixing the price of wheat or taking up the surplus.

The telegram, signed by each of the senators, was sent to the president at San Francisco, in care of Brigadier General Sawyer, the president's physician, with the request that it be "delivered when the president's health permits."

It set forth that the condition of agriculture threatens a national calamity, and that only an extraordinary session of congress can avert the calamity.

## Millions of Books Issued To Support Bolsheviks

DUBLIN, July 31 (A. P.)—Figures received here summarizing the activities of the publishing business in Russia which is purely an enterprise of the Soviet state, indicate that a great effort is being made to convince the Russian people of the correctness of Bolshevik political and economic theories.

The Soviet publishing house issued from its presses in Moscow and put into circulation throughout Russia during the last 12 months no less than 14,300,000 volumes covering the fields of economics, politics, history and even fiction.

Aside from the obvious propaganda tendencies of the volumes on political and economic subjects, the Soviet historians have sought to show how the world has suffered because of its hostility to Bolshevik theories, and in many of the fiction volumes the endeavor has been to prove that opposition to Soviet doctrines has warped, limited or distorted individual lives.

## Association Ready To Demand Rates Based on Mileage

SPOKANE, Wash., July 31.—Gravel freight rates, based on the length of haul on the transcontinental railroads from the east to intermountain points, will be the demand made upon the interstate commerce commission by officials of the Intermediate Rate association, if rail carriers insist upon reopening the long and short haul question in a discriminatory manner, James A. Ford, secretary of the rate association, declared Monday.

Mr. Ford issued this statement Monday, in reply to the announcement of Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific Railroad company, that his line would make application to the interstate commerce commission for permission to cut rates to the Pacific coast terminals.

Railroad Case to Get Attention  
PORTLAND, July 31.—Attorney General Daugherty, enroute to San Francisco to join President Harding, today said he would take up and decide there whether an appeal should be taken from the United States Circuit court decision in the Central Pacific-Southern Pacific case.

Understudy's Hat in Ring  
MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 31.—Senator Underwood today told the Alabama legislature he would become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president of the United States if he was chosen by his party in his own state.

## Legion Enjoys Chicken Feed Last Evening

The American Legion County Council met last evening at Imbler and enjoyed one of the finest of chicken dinners. The most important business brought up at this meeting was the preparations for the Legion convention to be held in the near future at Seaside. A committee was appointed to take charge of this matter which was composed of Ralph Huron, chairman, Hugh Brady, secretary, Guy Patten, Elgin; Haskell Andrews, Imbler; Adolph Lewin, Union; Grover Duffey, Cove; and Chris Johnson, North Powder. There were about thirty present last evening and the next regular meeting will be held in three months from yesterday at which time they will discuss plans for the celebration of Armistice Day, November 11.

## New Postoffice Authorized.

BAKER, Or., July 31.—Baker county soon will have a new postoffice. It will be known as Hershall, and will take the place of Curry, the supply point and junction of the Baker White Pine Lumber company's logging road with the main line of the Sumpter Valley railroad. The postoffice is being established for the accommodation of the employees of the company in the logging camps. S. L. Beatty, who has been named as postmaster, is in charge of the company store at Hershall.

## WILLIAMS IS ELECTED AS SCHOOL CLERK

Spanish American War Veteran Wins Over a Field of Ten Applicants.

At a meeting of the school board for District No. 1 held last evening in the Security Land and Savings Company's office, Harry Williams, one of the partners in the La Grande Electric company, was elected clerk of the school board.

This office carries a salary of \$100 per month. For many years it was held by Judge Arthur Williams and later has been filled by Charles Reynolds. The campaign for the place has been waged quite warm as there were about ten applicants who sought the honor.

The recent school election was felt to have a bearing on the school clerkship and last evening Mr. Williams was nominated by one of the board and his election was unanimous.

Selection of a site for building in southeast La Grande will probably be one of the important features that will occupy the board's immediate attention. Several sites are under consideration but up to this afternoon no definite conclusion had been reached regarding this matter.

## Contracts for Overhead at Perry and Re-Surfacing Island City Road are Let

PORTLAND, July 31.—The Warren Construction company was awarded a contract today by the state highway commission to grade and re-surface two miles of the La Grande-Island City section of the Wallowa Lake highway for \$48,827.50.

The contract for the bridge over the Grande Ronde river and O.-W. railroad tracks near Perry on the Old Oregon Trail was awarded to the Union Bridge company for \$99,135.

## Irene Castle Home From Paris; Denies Divorcing Treman

NEW YORK, July 31 (A. P.)—Irene Castle has arrived from Paris with a pet goat.

A group of reporters met her at the dock when the Lafayette came alongside, and she got their goats, too.

The dancer flatly contradicted dispatches from Paris quoting from court records to show that she had obtained a divorce from Herbert E. Treman, Illinois manufacturer. She declared she did not have a decree and hadn't asked for one.

She said she expected to meet the Majestic when it left for Wednesday bearing Mr. Treman. At the White Star offices it was said the first cabin list did not show Mrs. Treman's name, but that he might have engaged passage at the last minute.

By the water front it is being seen what Wednesday will bring forth.

## McTigue Matched

COLUMBUS, Ga., July 31.—Young Stribling of Mecon, Ga., will fight Mike McTigue for the light heavyweight championship of the world here on Labor day, according to an announcement made here Saturday night by Major J. Paul Jones, athletic director of the Charles Harrison post of the American Legion.

## Grain Exports Decrease.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, July 31.—Grain exports from the United States last week, amounted to 2,755,000 bushels as compared with 2,175,000 bushels the week before.

## Separate Trials Granted.

(By Associated Press)  
CUMBERLAND COURT HOUSE, Va., July 31.—Judge R. D. White, sitting in the Cumberland county court Monday, granted a motion of the state for separate trials in the case of It. O. and L. C. Garrett, charged with the murder of the Hon. G. M. Brewer, and L. C. Garrett will be tried first.

## Cigarettes in Big Demand.

SAULT LAKE CITY, Utah, July 31.—A total of 224 permits for the sale of cigarettes were taken out during the first two months of Utah's new cigarette law, according to figures made public here. The revenue received for the sale of cigarettes for the entire state. The report was aggregated \$23,000. The new cigarette law went into effect May 8.

## Wheat Prices.

PORTLAND, July 31.—Hard wheat was quoted at \$1.04 and Western Red at 95 cents today.

## Mrs. Stoddard Suddenly Dies At Midnight

Friends of the Stoddard family throughout Grande Ronde valley were shocked today to hear of the death of Mrs. John I. Stoddard which occurred at the family home on Fourth street about midnight.

Mrs. Stoddard was very popular with the younger married people of the city, was prominent in the L. D. S. church circles, and was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the L. D. S. tabernacle.

## HOOPER GETS BLAME FOR LAST STRIKE

CHICAGO, July 31 (A. P.)—O. Wharton and E. Grable, labor members of the United States railroad labor board, in a dissenting opinion to a decision rendered Monday, declared that the federated shopmen's strike of 1922 was probably due to the incapacity of Chairman Ben W. Hooper and R. M. Barton to understand the value placed upon trade union ethics by bona fide trade unions. Chairman Hooper and Judge Barton are members of the public group of the board.

The statement was made in a dissenting opinion rendered by the board ordering the wages of employees of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad and the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad Company of Texas reduced to the wage scale that prevailed at the termination of federal control of the carrier.

The chairman of the board and Judge Barton, in referring to the attitude of their employees (in this case) in a manner peculiarly their own and without foundation, in fact, said in effect that a reduction should be made, "said the dissenting opinion."

"Three members of the board in placing such an interpretation on the statement of the employees, in the opinion of the undersigned, indicated incapacity of understanding the value placed upon trade union ethics by bona fide trade unions, and probably due to this same disability may be found the answer to the suspension of work July 1, 1922, by the shopmen and others, which resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars loss to the carriers, employees and the public."

"The virulent nature of the dissenting opinion would seem to indicate that its writer has momentarily lost sight of the fact that he is no longer the head of the striking shopmen, but is now an sworn member of a public tribunal designed to protect the people from the sinister effect of railroad strikes," declared Chairman Hooper, in his supporting opinion of the decision, which he declared to be just and reasonable.

"It is regrettable that a member of this board, whatever his personal interests or habits, has cannot dissent from the action of the majority without attacking their personalities as well as their opinions," Chairman Hooper's supporting opinion said.

"The writer of this supporting opinion is not harassed or confounded by having his name and his vote pointed out in the dissenting opinion. Whatever he may think of the propriety of the performance."

## Court Dismisses Appeals.

LONDON, July 31.—The court of criminal appeals Monday dismissed the appeal of Art. O'Brien and Shaun McGrath, who with several colleagues, were found guilty on July 27 of a seditious conspiracy. O'Brien was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and the others to one year each.

## Cooperative Bank to Open.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 31.—The Brotherhood Co-operative National Bank of Spokane will open August 1 according to President George O. Barnhart. The bank will have a capital of \$200,000 and a paid surplus of \$40,000. This is the first co-operative bank west of Minneapolis, patterned after the original Brotherhood bank at Cleveland.

## Base Ball Results.

National League—Philadelphia 2, Cincinnati 1; Detroit 12, Washington 5.  
American League—Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 1; New York 3, Pittsburgh 4.

## BUILDING TO BE VOTED ON BY THE PEOPLE

Only Course Open for Y. M. C. A. Is City to Take It Over.

## OPERATION EXPENSE CANNOT BE MET

Board Last Evening Dug Up Funds to Pay the Labor Claims Against the Institution.

Another chapter in the grief of a small city Y. M. C. A. was recorded last evening when the board of Y directors sat around a table in the La Grande National bank directors room and figured long and hard trying to keep open the institution in La Grande.

Final decision was that the only way La Grande can have a Y. M. C. A. is for the people to vote to take it over and the city own and manage the property.

With this arrived at, the directors then turned to the indebtedness on the Y, and began that toilsome task of figuring out how to raise money.

It was found that up to date the Y. M. C. A. owes about \$8,000 mortgage debt on the building and about \$4000 in floating debt which has been accumulated from running expenses unpaid.

Thus in round numbers the institution is in the red about \$12,000 with the finest chance in the world of enlarging that figure very fast if opened up and run under the old plan.

Of the \$12,000 in debts that hang like a swampy fungus over an institution which everyone would like to see a going concern, the mortgage on the building of about \$8,000 is long past due and the last semi-annual interest remains unpaid. Very naturally, the holder of the mortgage has started foreclosure proceedings.

Then there is a list of running expenses ranging from one dollar to \$200 remaining unpaid and the board of directors analyzed this list very carefully. It was found that \$465 of this amount was for labor and that had to be paid at once.

Then the question arose about getting the money to pay the labor debts.

It was the same old story which happens to a board of directors who are trying to nurse an institution along—they signed notes at the two banks for sufficient funds to pay the labor and other immediate demands.

Up to People.  
Then the board passed a resolution putting the question of having a Y. M. C. A. maintained in La Grande squarely up to the voters of La Grande at the special election this fall.

People want the Y, there is no doubt of that, and if they will vote to have the city take over the building and maintain the same the Y will function.

A committee was appointed to try to get the mortgage foreclosure delayed until after November election so that the voters could express themselves on the Y building. What success this committee will have remains to be seen, but like all other members of the board of directors, they are anxious to preserve the institution for the public if they can.

Should this movement fail then the procedure of law will follow. The building will be put up for sale and sold by the sheriff of Union county to the highest bidder and all funds derived will be used to pay off the debts of the institution.

All agree that this would indeed be a very sad ending for Y in La Grande.

## MEREDITH RAPS BROOKHART AND MAKES CHARGES

DES MOINES, Ia., July 31.—Grain farmers will receive five hundred million dollars more for the 1923 crop than they received for the 1922 crop, despite the slump in wheat prices, said E. T. Meredith, former secretary of agriculture in a statement to the Associated Press here today.

"There is conspiracy among a certain faction to misrepresent and discourage farmers for political capital," added Mr. Meredith. He declared Senator Brookhart did not sufficiently study the facts of economic problems he attempts to discuss.

## Weather Forecast

Portland, July 31.—Fair, continuing warmer tonight and Wednesday.

