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The Weather Portland, (AP)—Oregon—Rain in the west, cloudy in the east portion tonight and Wednesday.

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MacDONALD IS PRIME MINISTER

BOK WOULD BACK A NEW PEACE VOTE

Offers Duplicate \$100,000 Prize Peace Plan Under Senate Lead

DENIES FAVORING ANY ONE PLAN

Bok Would Defray Expenses of a New Nation-Wide Referendum, If Senate So Desires.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—An offer to duplicate his \$100,000 prize to the author of any peace plan, selected by the Senate committee investigating propaganda as the best to come within its notice, was made today by Edward W. Bok in a letter to Senator Moses, Republican of New Hampshire, who is chairman of the committee.

Bok said that the offer was influenced by the information that he was predisposed in favor of one particular kind of peace.

Bok denied that he was predisposed in favor of any particular plan or that the jury of award was selected with the same predispositions.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Edward W. Bok was quizzed late Monday by the Senate committee investigating propaganda designed to influence congressional action.

Bok said he defrayed every penny.

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SENIOR DRAMA IS SELECTED

The Senior class of the La Grande high school will present their annual drama in the high school auditorium on the evening of March 7 and 8, according to announcement today.

The drama selected, a mystery farce in two acts, "Seven Keys to Baldpate" considered to be one of the best plays written for some time. In addition to the two acts a prologue and epilogue is written in.

"Seven Keys to Baldpate," a royalty play, written by George M. Cohan and is handled by the American Play Company.

The cast for the play is now being chosen by Miss Mabel Bennett, who will act as director of the production.

Late News Flashes

WILL PROBE LIQUOR SITUATION. PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A special federal grand jury today, on orders from Washington, began the investigation of the mail order bootlegging scheme, alleged of nation-wide scope.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The department of justice believes that a grand jury investigation will be begun today in Philadelphia that will uncover evidence showing that an organized bootlegger mail order business there has assumed important proportions. The mail order ring is said to have established connections with half a dozen eastern seaboard states and to be rapidly extending its operations into the interior.

GASOLINE UP TWO CENTS. PORTLAND (AP)—Gasoline advanced two cents per gallon here today. The price is now 20 cents at filling stations, following an advance throughout the coast. Fuel oil advanced 25 cents per barrel.

Gasoline also raised in La Grande today two cents per gallon, making the price here 24 cents per gallon retail.

ARCHBISHOP'S CONDITION WORSE. OAKLAND (AP)—Archbishop Christie, of the Catholic arch diocese, seriously ill here, is reported by physicians to be somewhat weaker today. The crisis is not yet passed.

Underwood Is For Reducing Taxes in U.S.

Defeat of Soldiers' Bonus Bill Urged by Aspirant for Presidency.

CLEVELAND (By the Associated Press)—Reduction of taxes "to the fullest extent possible" and defeat of the soldiers' bonus bill were policies advocated by Oscar Underwood, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, in an address here today opening his campaign in the north. The speech, delivered at a chamber of commerce luncheon, also stressed law observance.

Taxation of the people of America, federal and state, is "approaching the danger point," Senator Underwood declared, giving figures to show that about one-eighth of the national income was paid to tax collectors.

The soldiers' bonus, he asserted, was the "one impediment" to tax reduction and he declared he could not follow the "mental gymnastics" of those who advocated the bonus and tax reduction at the same time.

Against Bonus.

"From every standpoint," said Senator Underwood, "I believe that it would be most unfortunate to pass the bonus bill and put this additional burden on the taxpayers of America. It is unnecessary and also unfair to the soldier himself. A few dollars in the pocket today are not as beneficial to the young men of America as permanent, stable, and successful business conditions throughout the country, which undoubtedly will be jeopardized if relief from governmental burdens is not received in the near future."

In his discussion of tax observance.

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FIRE TODAY DID LITTLE DAMAGE

The fire department truck was called to the Grande Ronde Meat company parking plant on Jefferson avenue this morning at 10:16 o'clock to answer a call and upon arriving found that a fire had started in a partition wall due to flaring pipes by the aid of a gas-line torch.

The firemen soon extinguished the blaze. Little damage was done.

Firpo Must Defend Title.

BERNOS ALIEX (AP)—The South American boxing confederation passed a resolution Monday declaring that Louis Angel Firpo must accept within 60 days from December 8 last, the challenge for the South American heavyweight championship from the former Chilean heavyweight, Quintin Romero Rojas, now living in France. It also ruled that the match must take place within 90 days of the same date or Firpo will be deprived of his title.

LENINE, OF RUSSIA, IS DEAD TODAY

Premier of Soviet Government Passes at End of Long Illness

DEATH CAME AT 5:50 P. M. MONDAY

Was Not Announced Until Some Time Later; Russian Soviets Notified Today.

MOSCOW (By the Associated Press)—Nicholas Lenin, premier of Soviet Russia, is dead.

The end came at 5:50 Monday evening but was not announced publicly for some time afterward.

The death occurred at his country villa near Moscow, where he was living in retirement and followed a sudden turn for the worse culminating in a stroke that paralyzed his respiratory organs.

The death was announced by all Russian Soviets today. Nicholas Lenin, lawyer, pamphleteer, and finally dictator of all Russia, was the organizer and chief exponent of the movement which became known as Bolshevism, and which he characterized as "the great experiment; the Dictatorship of the Proletariat."

The career of this short, plump, bald-headed little man, who turned Russia topsy turvy and probably as much influenced the other nations of the world as any other man of his century, was full of adventure from his boyhood. He was a revolutionist at school, at the academy, at his university, and ever afterward.

Lenin's real name was Vladimir Ilich Ulanoff. He was born April 24, 1870 in the town of Simbirsk.

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STATE SUBSIDY MOVE OPPOSED

Coolidge Takes Stand Against Federal Aid Subject in Address to Executives.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Coolidge today added two new planks to the administration platform of governmental economy Monday in an address at the sixth semi-annual meeting of the Federal executive officers comprising the government's business organization. He will permit no expansion hereafter of the system of federal subsidies to state governments and will countenance no incurring of obligations by federal agencies in excess of their annual appropriations except in extreme circumstances.

The President who, with Director Lord of the budget bureau, reviewing the administration's management of government's affairs since the meeting last June, touched only lightly on tax reduction, pointing merely to the relations.

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Expert Committee Hears Financial Talk Monday Eve

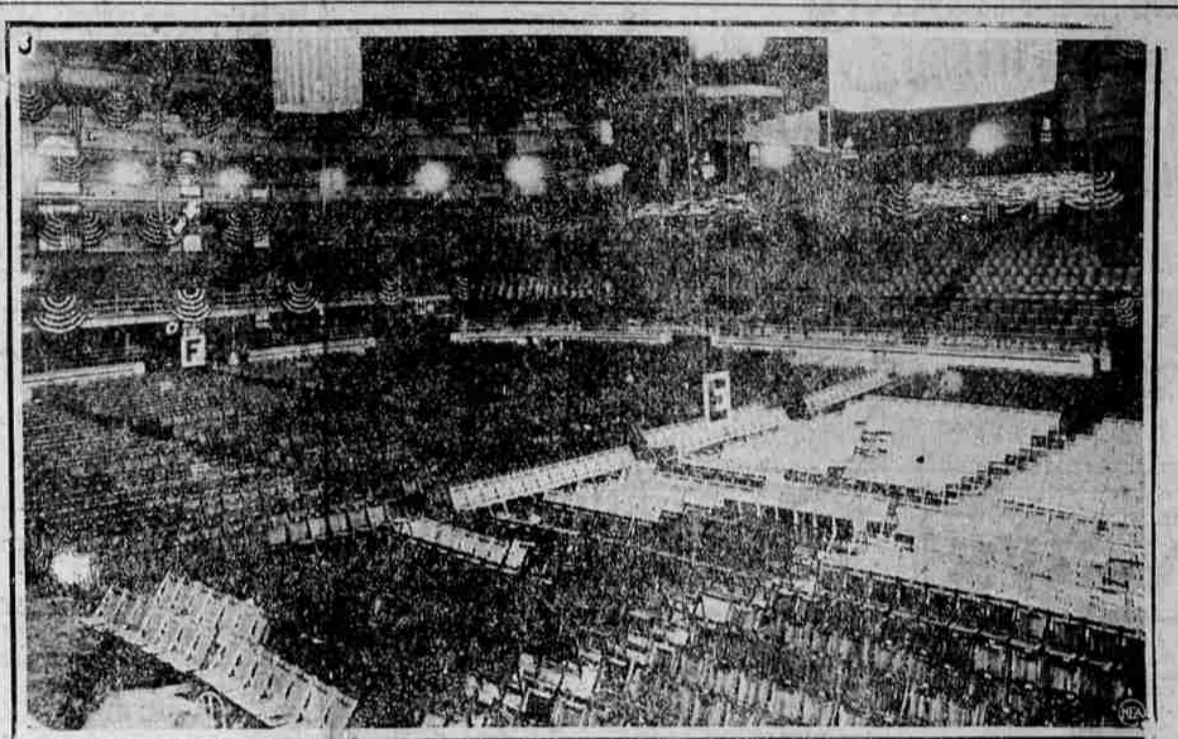
PAIRIE (AP)—Doctor Schacht, president of the Reichsbank, gave a long first-hand explanation of German finances before the first committee of experts, under Brig. Gen. Charles G. Dawes, Monday afternoon.

Doctor Schacht was accompanied by Doctor Mayer, head of the German reparations department in Paris and remained three hours answering a list of questions which had previously been given to him and replying to inquiries of various members.

Doctor Schacht went over the entire currency problem and gave all available statistics. He explained the different kinds of money in Germany and elaborated his views on how new currency could be put on a sound basis. Tuesday he will appear before the second committee to give the information regarding German exported capital.

Doctor Schacht was pledged to secrecy by the committee.

Democrats Will Nominate Presidential Candidate Here



DESCRIPTION OF SITE FOR CONVENTION

Madison Square Garden, Democratic Convention Site, Has Interesting History.

(By Frank Savage) NEW YORK, (INS)—Madison Square Garden, where the Democratic National Convention will be held next June, conjures up in the mind of native New Yorkers a train of hallowed memories.

Long the center of all sorts of civic activities, not only the Garden but the surrounding neighborhood which preceded it are closely allied with the emotional side of New York history.

Within the spacious arena, the bandstand concert hall, the beautiful...

BULLETINS

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The President today endorsed an unqualified endorsement to the Noyes-Burness bill for government loans to northwestern farmers for the purchase of live stock.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Tax reduction was discussed today at the cabinet meeting. President Coolidge stood squarely behind the Mellon plan and would agree only to amendments designed to perfect it. The president would regard any surtax rate above 25 per cent as a basis for his veto.

Secretary American Action. TOKYO (AP)—Economic Minister Matsuda, today, characterized an "incredible" the treatment of Japanese residents of the Pacific Ocean. "This problem is exceedingly complicated and delicate and all necessary steps are being taken. Our intention is to treat the problem with full understanding and in a spirit of mutual respect on both sides with the view of arriving at the proper solution."

Foreman's Prosperity. SALT LAKE CITY, (AP)—Nineteen twenty-four holds promise of continued stabilization and beginning of progress and prosperity for the wool-growing industry. President Hagenbach declared in his address to the annual convention of National Wool Growers' association here today. "With efficient and conservative management wool growers will, in the next two or three years, be able to relieve themselves of debt and begin the accumulation of a surplus which will absorb the next shock to the industry," he said.

Directors of Club Elected

Annual Meeting of Country Club Members Held Last Meeting.

The La Grande Country club met last evening at a banquet at seven o'clock in the Summer grill at their annual meeting and, at the end of the dinner, elected a board of directors for the ensuing year.

New directors elected were: Earl Stoddard, G. L. Larson, F. L. Meyers, W. C. Perkins, N. W. Freese, Dr. Ray Murphy, Charles Binzner and Ed Holmes. These directors will serve for two years. Half of the total number of the board are elected two years, thus keeping 50 per cent of the board every year composed of experienced directors.

Other directors on the board, whose term will expire a year later.

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UNION COUNTY ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOLS HIGH

Union county occupies sixth place among the 36 counties in Oregon in the percentage of school population that is in school daily, according to a report made by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, for the school year 1923-24. This is one of the requirements of educational efficiency used by the Russell Sage foundation for the several states.

Milneham, Lincoln, Morrow, Wasco and Sherman counties lead the list in first, second, third, fourth and fifth places. Walla Walla county is 14th on the list, Union county is 18th and Baker county is 23rd.

Federal Army Takes Capitol of Jalisco

TAMPICO (By the Associated Press)—The Mexican Federal troops are reported to have captured Guadalajara, capital of Jalisco.

Firemen's Dance Will Be Wednesday Evening

The La Grande Volunteer Firemen will hold their annual dance Wednesday evening, January 22, at the Zuber hall. Otto's orchestra will furnish the music.

The firemen are busily engaged today selling tickets for the dance which they expect to outdo any held in the past. The dance, an annual event, is always looked forward to with much interest.

BRITISH-YANKEE LIQUOR TREATY GIVEN APPROVAL

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—The British Dominions unconditionally approved a draft of the Anglo-American liquor treaty submitted to them by the British government. The draft thus approved had been agreed upon by the London and Washington governments.



View of the interior of Madison Square Garden, New York City, (above) where the Democratic party will meet June 24 to nominate a candidate for the presidency. This immense hall will seat about 14,000 persons and its present capacity will be enlarged to care for 6,000 more. Exterior view (below) of Madison Square Garden.

ACCUSE UNION MAN OF ARSON

Elgin E. Short Bound Over to Grand Jury Under Bonds of \$1,000 on Grave Charge.

Elgin E. Short, of Union, was laid yesterday afternoon bound over to grand jury under \$1,000 bonds, charged with attempting to commit the crime of arson. Being unable to raise the stipulated sum to bond himself, he has been committed to the county jail and will there await the investigation of the county grand jury.

Short, proprietor of a tailoring shop at Union, is accused of having set fire to his building with the intention of securing insurance that covered the contents of the building. Reports from Union assert that Short confessed to the crime but nevertheless it will be necessary for him to make such a confession before the circuit court after an indictment by the grand jury in order to find him guilty.

WILL FURTHER EXAMINE FALL

Former Secretary Must Appear Again Before the Teapot Dome Investigating Board.

NEW ORLEANS (By the Associated Press)—Fall will leave tonight or tomorrow for Washington to appear before the Teapot Dome committee. He said he would welcome an opportunity to tell the board all he knows about the case.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Furnace Secretary Fall has been subpoenaed for further examination before the Teapot Dome investigating committee.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Archibald Roosevelt told the Teapot Dome investigating committee Monday that he had severed connections with the Sinclair Oil interests because of what he considered as evidence of corruption in connection with the oil lease.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The Teapot Dome investigating committee will ask Fall again regarding the source from which he obtained \$100,000 in 1921 to enlarge his New Mexico ranch holdings. Fall is on record as asserting he obtained the money from Edward B. McLean Washington newspaper publisher, but later he testified that the checks he gave Fall were returned uncashed.

CHEMAGO (By the Associated Press)—Belief from sub-zero temperatures of the last four days throughout the middle west and northwest came today when warm winds from the south sent the mercury climbing.

LABOR RULE IN ENGLAND ESTABLISHED

Commons Vote No Confidence in Baldwin Government

CONSERVATIVES NO LONGER IN POWER

Fifteen Months Rule at an End; Protection Is Rock Upon Which the Ministry Split.

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—James Ramsay MacDonald, Labor leader, today accepted the prime ministership when it was tendered him by King George after Baldwin handed in his resignation and those of his ministers to the King and advised the sovereign to send for MacDonald.

MacDonald is 57 years of age, self educated and the son of a Scottish peasant.

MacDonald, although a leader of the Laborites, never was a manual worker, having achieved a position by virtue of his academic knowledge of industrial affairs. MacDonald seldom laughs. His set jaws bore out his characterization of "the gray headed fighter."

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—The Labor amendment, recording non-confidence in the Baldwin government, was carried in the house of commons Monday, 328 to 256.

The Conservative party came into power in October, 1922, upon the resignation of the Lloyd George coalition government. Stanley Baldwin the retiring prime minister was made premier May 7, 1923, two days after the late Andrew Bonar Law was forced to step from office because of ill health.

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BAKER LAD IS BURIED TODAY

William Cook, Who Sunday Ended His Life by Drinking Carbolic Acid Laid to Rest.

BAKER, Or. (Special)—The funeral of William A. Cook, who committed suicide here Sunday afternoon, was held here today from the Baptist church with Reverend E. T. Starkey officiating.

Cook, but 18 years of age, drank carbolic acid Sunday in the family home at 2635 33rd street. His act is believed to have been due to despondency over ill health.

A note addressed to his parents stated, "I have tried to obey and make you happy and have failed. Meet me there." Along with the note Cook had prepared a list of friends whom he wished to officiate at his funeral as pall bearers.

The deceased is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook of this city and attended the Baker high school until recently. Besides his parents he is survived by four brothers and one sister.

ENGINEER STRIKE IN GREAT BRITAIN IS SAID SPREADING

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—The second day of the engineers' strike against wage reduction found the men and the railways proclaiming their respective positions were gaining strength.

Reports from provincial centers, however, were far from reassuring, thousands of persons who use the railways.

The reports indicated that the strike is spreading.

Judge Knowles Affirmed. SALEM, (AP)—Supreme court decisions today included: Grace M. Saylor, administratrix of the estate of Carl Saylor, decedent, vs. Enterprise Electric company, appellant, an action for damages appealed from Wallawa county. In the opinion by Justice Brown Judge J. W. Knowles was affirmed.