

2 DEMOCRATS NAMED TODAY BY PRESIDENT

Couch and Jones to Take Places on Reconstruction Directorate.

BANK LEGISLATION INTERESTS HOOVER

Executive Hopes to Push Through Measures to Relieve Depositors in Closed Banks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Two southerners were named today to the board that will direct a two billion dollar injection to quicken the pulse of business.

Harvey C. Couch, of Arkansas, and Jesse H. Jones, of Texas, were appointed by President Hoover as two of the three Democratic directors of the Reconstruction Finance corporation. A third probably will be named in a very short time.

Quick confirmation of the nominations is expected of the senate, along with that of Charles Gages Dawes—named to be president of the corporation.

Only these formalities and the passage by the senate of the measure appropriating \$500,000,000 are necessary to get the corporation ready to function financially.

The other directors are Eugene Meyer, governor of the federal reserve board, Paul Bestor, farm loan commissioner, and Secretary Mellon.

Couch, a prominent manufacturer residing in Pine Bluff, is well known in the capital through his connection with various industrial and other activities.

Jones was especially active in connection with the last Democratic national convention held in his home city—Houston.

The recommendations of Democratic congressional leaders are large part in guiding the selections. Speaker Garner is a Texan and Senator Robinson, party floor leader, hails from Arkansas.

Mr. Hoover's friends said today, shortly after the president named Couch and Jones, that the chief executive now is interested primarily in legislation designed to relieve depositors in closed banks. At the

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THREE DANCES ARE GIVEN AT LIONS MEETING

A program of dances, featuring four young girls, was given at the Lions club luncheon today at the Sacajawea Inn. Helen Jean Webb and Mary McNamee presented a doll dance, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Clyde Webb; Jerry Wetzel danced the Highland fling and Patricia Wetzel a Russian number. Miss Eleanor Hicks accompanied the Wetzel girls. The numbers were heartily applauded.

President Max Sarvis announced that the state convention would be held in Klamath Falls July 13 and 14. He also said that the Rotary club has invited Lions to meet with them Wednesday, Feb. 3 when Rufus Holman, state treasurer, will be the speaker. Dr. Sweet, nationally known specialist, will speak at the luncheon Feb. 8.

Nolan Skiff and Dr. W. K. Ross were appointed as members of the February program committee.

Gasoline Down To 10c in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP)—Gasoline was selling as low as ten cents a gallon at several service stations here today, many were offering it at 11 cents and nowhere in the city was it more than 12 cents a gallon.

At one station the standard denonations for American money were not sufficient to cover requirements. Here a "9 1/2c per gallon" sign was displayed.

J. D. Killian New Foreman of Shops

J. D. Killian, who since Dec. 10 has been acting master mechanic in the absence of L. W. Shirley, in the Union Pacific shops, has been made general foreman of the roundhouse. He fills the vacancy left by the removal of D. A. Hansen to Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen left Saturday for Portland, where he will be general foreman of the roundhouse at Albina.

Mr. and Mrs. Killian and their family came to La Grande from Cheyenne where he worked for the Union Pacific. They plan to make their home here.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Partly cloudy and at times unsettled tonight and Tuesday; probably local snows over the mountains and occasional rains on the coast; little change in temperature; fresh northwest winds offshore.

Weather Today
7 a. m.—17 above.
Minimum—16 above.
Condition—clear.

Weather Yesterday
Maximum 31, minimum 6 above.
Condition—clear. Range—25 degrees.

Weather Jan. 25, 1931
Maximum 38, minimum 28 above.
Condition—cloudy, rain. 16 of inch. Range—10 degrees.

Public Flocked Through House, Defense Claims

Lawyers For Winnie Ruth Judd Throw Temporary Blockade Before Prosecu- tion Efforts.

By Ralph O. Brown
COURT HOUSE, Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 25 (AP)—Defense charges that the apartment of the dead Anne Leroy and Hedvig Samuelson beneath a museum through which the public flocked "10 cents a throw," today temporarily blocked the efforts of County Attorney Lloyd J. Andrews to batten down his evidence of first degree murder against Winnie Ruth Judd.

The bitter argument over admissibility of testimony of Phoenix police officers, and county attorney's investigators regarding conditions at 2929 N. Second street, and at 1130 East Brill street, Mrs. Judd's home, was carried over from Saturday into the early morning of today.

Paul Schenck, and Herman Lewkowitz, defense counsel, contended slaying her two friends.

The state was not able to show the slaying in either instance to have been in their original condition when investigators visited them.

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ROOSEVELT'S HAT TOSSED INTO RING TRIAL TODAY

New York Governor Formally in Contest For Presidential Nomination

WEST AND SOUTH SUPPORTING HIM

Eastern Challenge is Largely Tied Up With Question of Al Smith's Intentions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Now formally in the race for the presidential nomination, Governor Roosevelt of New York finds his candidacy far from front of Democratic rivals but facing hurdles of a most difficult sort.

Announcement Saturday that Roosevelt accepted campaign efforts on his behalf, came with west and south lined up for him about as well as possible at this stage of the campaigning. But the eastern states and New England, where challenge which may nullify this advantage, while scattered "favorite son" states hold the several yet undecided.

By contrast with the Democratic leader's prospects, President Hoover is in the Republican race substantially by himself, so sure of renomination that some foes within the party are giving earnest thought to organizing outside the regular G. O. P. fold.

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MASS MEETING TAKES ACTION AGAINST WAR

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP)—Resolutions urging the United States to adhere to the world court and to take a strong stand for arms limitation at the Geneva conference February 3 were unanimously adopted by some 3000 persons at a civic meeting in the city auditorium here Sunday. The meeting was called by a special committee created by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish bodies here.

Rabbi Henry J. Berkowitz, speaker, said no nation has ever won a war.

"Recall the date of November 11, 1918," he said. "We rejoiced then for two reasons—the war was over, and we had a victory. On both counts we were wrong. War was not over. We had not won a victory. Those countries that claimed victory have had to scratch down and save the defeated central powers. All nations are today defeated together."

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JOSEPH BEATEN HERE 30 TO 19

Lyman's Shooting Import- ant Factor in Tigers for La Grande Victory.

Largely because of Lyman's excellent shooting, La Grande High Saturday night easily defeated Joseph's basketball quintet, 30 to 19. The game was played at the L. D. S. Recreational hall.

The slim forward scored six field goals during the game, several from difficult angles, and converted two out of five free throws for a total of 16 points.

Lyman scored on the first play of the game with long basket shot from the left side of the floor from a distance. Joseph, however, rallied quickly and soon took a 3 to 2 lead, but that was the only time throughout the game the visitors were in front.

During the last half La Grande scored 14 points to Joseph's 11.

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GEO. CARLYLE FINED \$150 IN LIQUOR CASE

After a trial which stretched over almost two days in the court of Justice of the peace, George Carlyle was found guilty and fined \$150 on a charge of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, while Mrs. Carlyle, wife of the defendant, was acquitted by a jury late Saturday afternoon.

Carlyle had not paid the fine when the Observer went to press and is confined in the county jail.

Judge L. Denham passed sentence.

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Bower, of Denver, Fred by Kidnapers

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 25 (AP)—Return of Mountain P. Bower from the mountain cabin in which kidnapers held him for five days was followed quickly today by revelation of a coup whereby police and a Denver newspaper detective tracked the kidnapers into such breaking up of the plot to extort \$50,000 from Bower's family.

Bower was taken from a car and released against a fence in West Denver by his captors early yesterday. His eyes were covered with adhesive tape which he was instructed to wear until he could no longer hear the motor of the kidnapers' car.

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Thallium-Poisoned Grain Used In Tortillas Cause Four Deaths; 7 Ill

FRESNO, Cal., Jan. 25 (AP)—With four members of one family dead and seven other persons believed hopelessly ill, attempts were made today to trace the source of thallium-poisoned grain used in tortillas.

The four dead are Lydia Nunez, 7; Manuel Nunez, 6; Lupe Nunez, 5; and Ignacio Nunez, 10, all children of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Nunez, Mexicans.

Various stories as to the source of

MARVIN AND CHILDERS ON TRIAL TODAY

Joseph State Bank Case is Opened in Wallowa Circuit Court.

JUDGE McCULLOCH, BAKER, PRESIDING

County Judge Pleads Not Guilty to Four Indict- ments; Both Provide Bond of \$5000.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP)—Accused of misuse of funds of the Joseph State bank which closed Sept. 25, last, County Judge Edgar Marvin and Childers went on trial in circuit court here today. Marvin was president, and Childers was cashier.

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STATE TO NORTH URGES BUILDING OF COULEE DAM

Advocates of Project Point Out That Starting of Construction Would Directly or Indirectly Give Employment to Thousands of Now Idle Workers.

By Harold Turnbull
WENATCHEE, Wash., Jan. 25 (AP)—Construction of the gigantic Grand Coulee dam and development of the vast Columbia river basin again are being urged upon congress and the senate by Joseph and Dill of Washington, have introduced a bill in the senate, while a similar measure also has been introduced in the house calling for construction of this Hoover dam and Boulder to the project, which it exceeds in size and cost.

The bill does not specify the amount to be required, but Jones says the board of engineers for rivers and harbors estimates the cost at about \$400,000,000.

Advocates of the project point out that the starting of construction would directly or indirectly give employment to thousands of now idle workers.

Power from the mighty torrents of the Columbia would be relied upon to pay for the dam within 50 years, although congress is asked to undertake the expense because of the benefits of the project. Worked in with the power and reclamation angles of the development plans is flood control along the river.

Four times more electricity would be developed at the Grand Coulee dam than at the huge Hoover dam project under construction on the Colorado river. Approximately 1,500,000 acres of bleak desert would be transformed into some of the nation's finest agricultural land.

Only a small portion of the land would be opened to settlement at once in order to avoid overproduction of agricultural products. Diversification of crops would be insisted upon.

In citing how the project would be a boon to unemployed, Willis T. Batchelor, Seattle consulting engineer, estimates that erection of the dam alone would provide work for 5,000 men.

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LABOR IN SECRET VOTE

CHICAGO, Jan. 25 (AP)—Labor took a secret vote today on the proposal of the railroad wage and unemployment issues.

Some of the smaller labor organizations had already delegated plenipotentiary authorities to their representatives on the committee of 21. The opinion of others, notably the "Big Four" of the conductors, engineers and firemen, was being weighed in group meetings.

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DRUMMOND QUILTS POST AT GENEVA; ACTION DEFERRED

GENEVA, Jan. 25 (AP)—Sir Eric Drummond, who has been secretary-general of the League of Nations since its formation, submitted his resignation today to the league council, but the council deferred action.

His action was not unexpected and there has been several explanations of his desire to leave the post.

It was said the climate at Geneva is bad for Mrs. Drummond's health; that Sir Eric has been wounded by criticism of the league's efforts to settle the Manchurian controversy; that Great Britain wants him back at home to take a hand in domestic affairs.

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TWO INJURED WHEN AUTO OVERTURNS

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP)—Speeding to the bedside of their aged father, W. B. Thompson, of Roseburg, who is seriously ill here, Mrs. Cecil Smith of Hollister, Cal., and James Thompson, of San Francisco, were injured last night when their automobile skidded on icy pavement and overturned.

Thompson suffered scalp wounds and many bruises. His sister, Mrs. Smith, received a crushed shoulder, deep cuts on the head and face, and severe bruises. They were brought to a hospital here.

The accident occurred near Myrtle Creek.

THE GRAND COULEE PROJECT



Above is a map of the Grand Coulee project which Washington senators are pushing. It is estimated that authorization of the project would allow employment for approximately 100,000 men.

ENGLISH PRISON SCENE OF BATTLE

Convicts Attempt to Break From Dartmoor; Eighty Reported Injured.

DARTMOOR, Eng., Jan. 25 (AP)—Dartmoor prison, well quiet again today after a riot in which 80 convicts were injured, one of them perhaps fatally.

The yards were empty of convicts, a double guard was on duty and 20 of the injured men were still in the hospital, but only one of them was in serious condition.

The battle raged all day yesterday and only the timely arrival of 100 extra police put an end to the fighting and prevented a wholesale delivery of rioters.

Claim Mistreatment
It began with lack of sugar in the breakfast porridge. The prisoners claimed mistreatment, which they said, reached its climax when their cereal was furnished them unseasoned. Long before dawn yesterday the prison was in a hubbub with the prisoners beating on the doors of their cells and walls in protest.

Guards released them into the courtyard for exercise before chapel services and the fight began. Led by one prisoner blowing a bugle, they attacked the guards in groups and had very nearly gained their freedom when police reinforcements arrived from Plymouth and turned the tide of battle.

In the meantime they had set fire to the principal prison buildings and one group, breaking into the office of the governor, S. N. Roberts, forced him to flee for his life. He escaped through a rear door, locking it as he went, and took refuge in a cell block occupied by prisoners who had not joined the riot. The prisoners then burned the administrative records, carrying them out and throwing them into a pile.

As soon as the police arrived they drew their clubs and charged, while the guards kept up a sniping fire against the walls, bringing down every man who reached the top in his attempt to escape.

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PAUL WARBURG PASSES AWAY IN NEW YORK

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THE DALLES OPENS CONSOLIDATED BANK

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP)—A consolidated bank, said by its directors to be one of the strongest financial institutions in Eastern Oregon, opened here today under the name of the Citizens First National bank.

The consolidation of the Citizens National and the First National banks was effected Saturday. Deposits of the two banks aggregated more than \$2,200,000. The capital of the consolidated bank is \$200,000, and the surplus \$100,000.

L. Barnum, president of the First National, became president of the Citizens First National, and P. J. Stadelman, president of the Citizens National, is chairman of the new board.

Long Sworn In As The Senator From Louisiana

Huey Discards His Title As Governor—Alvin O. King Takes Oath—Dis- pute is Renewed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Huey P. Long was sworn in today as senator from Louisiana. By taking oath as senator, Long, a Democrat, discarded his title as governor of Louisiana, renewing the dispute over that office.

Long's seating brought the senate membership up to its full quota of 96 for the first time this session.

The Democratic party was urged today by Senator Long to nominate for president Speaker Garner, Senator Harrison of Mississippi, or Senator Robinson of Arkansas.

The colorful Louisiana political leader gave his views in an interview shortly after his arrival in Washington.

Favors Al Smith
He said also that if former Governor Smith of New York were re-nominated, he would be elected, but that he did not believe Governor Roosevelt would win if nominated.

Long got out of bed to talk with newspapermen and was clad in pink pajamas as he discussed the political situation and national affairs.

He pledged co-operation with President Hoover to restore world tranquility and prosperity, and indicated he would favor cancellation of war debts if necessary to achieve that end.

KING BECOMES GOVERNOR
BATON ROUGE, La., Jan. 25 (AP)—Alvin O. King took the oath as governor of Louisiana today after leaving Huey P. Long had taken the oath as senator in Washington.

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Spaulding Not Ready to Issue New Statement

SALEM, Jan. 25 (AP)—Charles K. Spaulding, member of the state highway commission, today announced he would issue no statement regarding rumors recently that he would either resign or be removed by the governor from the commission. Spaulding previously announced he had not resigned nor intended to do so, but would issue a statement to the press today.

Spaulding said his activities on the commission were well known and a further statement was not necessary. He announced he would await further developments, and in the meantime function as a member of the commission in the interests of the public. He intimated he would see no cause for his dismissal, as the commission has conferred with him in his economy program in administration of road matters.

Reports recently were to the effect that Governor Julius L. Meier could replace Spaulding by naming either Frank Jenkins of Eugene, T. A. Lyles, former mayor of Salem, or George Gelfinger, Portland, to the commission. The governor however has denied his intention to make any changes, and said there would be no announcements before he left for the east. The governor leaves Tuesday night for Washington, D. C., and expects to be absent more than three weeks.

MEIER TO GO EAST
SALEM, Jan. 25 (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier will not be at the state capital before leaving for Washington, D. C., today.

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Captain Hawks To Fly North Again

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25 (AP)—Captain Frank Hawks, American air speedster, may try again to break the three-flag flight record held by James H. Wedell, of New Orleans. Although an announcement was forthcoming from Captain Hawks' associates of the famous aviator believe that possibly within the next few weeks he will make another attempt to better the record of 40 hours 40 minutes for a flight from Agua Caliente, Mexico, to Vancouver, B. C.

Hawks last Saturday established a round trip record of 13 hours 44 minutes between the Lower California resort and Vancouver. He flew however, to better the one-way mark by 8.5 minutes.

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Suggests a Limit On Grain Trading