

WORK DRIVE PLEDGES UP TO \$10,943

Ten Per Cent of Solicitors
Report 20 Per Cent
of Set Quota.

BUY, BUILD AND REMODEL IS URGE

Eighty Men Now are Making
House-to-House
Canvass Securing
Pledges For Local Work

About 1 o'clock this afternoon
it was announced that the Work
Promotion Plan pledge total had
moved up to \$12,943.50.

More than 20 per cent of the \$50,000 goal has been pledged through the activities of 10 per cent of the solicitors who have donated their time to the successful operation of the La Grande Work Promotion Plan. Chairman H. C. Boone announced this morning. Only about 10 per cent of the solicitors have reported to the central committee, and their report shows that \$10,943 has been pledged in work.

The pledges are not promises to pay money to a relief organization for charitable use, but are pledges to have some necessary piece of work done—either remodeling, rebuilding or building about the home or business firm, for which they will pay. Representatives of the city-wide organization, which conceived the relief plan and put it into operation,

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YOUNG PEOPLE ATTEND RALLY HELD IN BAKER

More than 150 Baptist young people from La Grande, Cove, Haines and Baker attended the annual spring rally of the Grande Ronde association of Baptist Young People's unions, which was held in the Calvary Baptist church of Baker last evening. A banquet was served by the ladies of the local church.

Nearly thirty local young people drove down to the rally, and Elliott Finlay, retiring president, was in charge of the program which included talks and musical selections by members of the various societies represented, and an address by Rev. C. W. Cutler, chapel car evangelist who held meetings in La Grande for several weeks a short time ago.

Dr. T. H. Hagen, state director of religious education for the Oregon Baptist convention, was also present at the rally and spoke to the young people about the future plans for the state B. Y. P. U. work. Thomas Gannon, of Baker, was elected president of the association for the coming year; Wallace Muzzy, also of Baker, is the new vice president; Elizabeth Fisher, of Haines, succeeds Grace Hedden, of La Grande, as secretary; and Mrs. Dorothy Dryden, of Cove, was re-elected treasurer.

The next rally probably will be held in Haines next July.

La Grande Veterans Form Steiwer Club

A veterans' "Steiwer-for-Senator" club was formed last night at a meeting held in the offices of H. E. Brady. The membership is composed of veterans of wars residing in Union county, organized to carry on the detailed work of answering questions about the campaign, which will be conducted by a state organization. H. E. Coolidge and Otis Palmer were elected to represent the Union county club in the state group. Glenn Thompson was elected president last night and H. E. Brady was chosen secretary. Members of the executive committee are Mr. Coolidge, Mr. Palmer, Jack Biggs, Harley Richardson, Fred Reed, Ray Murphy, Harry Brenholts, Harry Williams and Marcus Roesch.

PORTLAND, Apr. 9 (AP)—George K. Aiken, publisher of the Ontario Argus, and mayor of that Malheur county city, Friday opened a "Steiwer-for-Senator" club headquarters here. He is executive secretary of the club. Headquarters will remain open until the primary election.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair tonight and Sunday but becoming cloudy and unsettled on the coast; frosts in the interior tonight; moderate southeast and south winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—38 above.
Minimum: 30 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 55, minimum 34 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
Range—21 degrees.

WEATHER APR. 9, 1931
Maximum 65, minimum 31 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—24 degrees.

Many Hear Talks By Campaigners For Dry Cause

Men's Luncheon Held Today at Noon; Afternoon and Evening Meetings to Close Program.

With the attendance proving very satisfactory, the two-day session here of the Allied Forces for Prohibition opened the final day of its program with a noon luncheon for men at the La Grande hotel, with Oliver W. Stewart, of Chicago, vice chairman of the Allied Forces, delivering an address. He opened his talk with a plea for good will and confidence among those who differ as to what should be done with the liquor traffic. Also, he urged that there be an agreement on all sides that they who differ may be equally honest and sincere.

Approximately 30 men were in attendance, with Rev. B. Marcus Godwin, pastor of the Baptist church, presiding. Mr. Stewart gave a very interesting talk, holding the attention of his audience from start to finish. Mr. Stewart said there is a liquor problem only because of the problem of drunkenness; that if alcoholic beverages produced the same effects as milk, there would be no problem. "Drunkenness comes from getting the man and the drink together," the speaker said. "If drunkenness comes from getting the man and the drink together, sobriety must come from keeping the man and the drink apart. Keeping the man away from the drink."

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Classes To Be Resumed Monday At East Normal

After almost a week of spring vacation, the spring term classes at the Eastern Oregon Normal school will meet Monday morning at the regular hours. During vacation many of the instructors have attended the National Educational association which met in Spokane on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Among those attending were R. L. Skeen, John Miller, Miss Kate Houk, Miss Madeline Larson, Miss Alta Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Badgley, Miss Thelma Wear, Miss Freda Kennedy, Miss Margaret Carstairs, Miss Jean Peterson.

During the vacation period a number of the students spent a few days with their parents or friends in other cities.

Union Schools Name Teachers For Next Year

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall
(Observer Correspondent)
UNION (Special)—At a meeting of the school directors held Tuesday afternoon, the grade and high school teachers were re-elected and a cut of ten per cent in salaries was decided upon. The members of the high school faculty will be the same as last year with the exception of Miss Elizabeth Pugh, whose history department will be in part eliminated and the remainder of the subjects taken over by the other teachers. This plan was adopted as a measure of economy although regret has been expressed over losing Miss Pugh, whose work has been highly satisfactory. Members of the faculty are Roy Conklin, superintendent; Will Campbell, coach and science; J. W. Baxter, manual training; Cecil Griggs, agriculture; Helen Schaper, English; Dorothy Crawford, home economics; and Erika Clarke, commercial department.

The grade teachers who have been re-elected are W. V. Connor, Dorothy Busick, Rosalie Burns, Lorna Gemmell and Dorothy Cook.

Teachers for the first, second and eighth grades have not been definitely selected as yet. These teachers at present are Mrs. Will Vogel, Mrs. Hal Rees and Mrs. Sid Vaden.

2-Ton Rock Kills Relief Worker

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 9 (AP)—Ray Dighton, 27, was crushed to death by a two-ton rock here today a few minutes after he had obtained work on a city emergency relief project.

The great boulder rolled 100 yards down a sharp slope near Rocky Point where a crew of laborers were employed. J. E. Blakesley, 34, another workman, was struck by the boulder and suffered lacerations and body bruises.

Candidate Winds Up In An Asylum

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 9 (AP)—George Edward Stewart, who several months ago announced himself a candidate for the presidency on his own "whip party" platform, was given a sanity hearing before County Judge C. P. Bernard and Eugene physicians Friday. When questioned about the matter today the judge and doctors referred all queries to Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner of the Oregon State hospital. At the asylum it was said Stewart had been received but not yet examined.

Stewart now lives in Butte, Jackson county. He recently toured the Eastern states in behalf of his candidacy, advocating "a chicken sandwich in every workman's dinner pail." He was formerly in the auto supply business in Eugene.

SPEAK HERE



Above—Oliver W. Stewart, vice chairman of the Allied Forces for Prohibition, now holding meetings here. Below is Dr. J. T. Longfellow, given office at Spokane.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RE-OPEN MONDAY

Spring Vacation to End—
J. T. Longfellow Given
Office at Spokane Meet

Teachers and students in the La Grande public schools will be at their accustomed places again Monday morning, when the 10-day spring vacation period comes to an end. The vacation began with the closing of school Friday, April 1.

This is the final vacation before the closing of school late in May and from now on events of the school year will approach their climax. Teachers will be going through their final weeks of study before qualifying for a diploma, and students in lower grades will be wrestling with their studies to be sure of gaining promotion.

On the athletic field, track and field athletes will be putting in an attempt to win the state title at Corvallis, the first Saturday in May. The Eastern Oregon, to be held at Union, will take place on April 30 and next Saturday the Tigers will go.

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FAIR WEATHER WITH FROSTS IS PREDICTED

Believe it or not, the weather man today promised La Grande a fair weekend! "Fair tonight and Sunday with frosts tonight," his prediction read, and it came as unusually good news to the hundreds of local people who like to get out of doors Sunday for golf, hiking, gardening or what have you.

The sky was practically cloudless this morning following a chilly night with the mercury dropping to 30 above. Yesterday's maximum here was 55 above and part of the day was clear, although clouds and a cool breeze prevented it from rivaling some of those warm April days of recent years.

Continuation of the present weather would result in general agricultural activity, and also would bring the fruit trees into blossom a few days. Numerous home gardens have been planted in La Grande and valley points this week—early stuff such as radishes, beets, lettuce, onions, carrots, etc., and flower gardeners also have been "doing their stuff."

Strawberries Bloom In Central Oregon

THE DALLES, Ore., Apr. 9 (AP)—Strawberry tracts in the Mid-Columbia area are just beginning to bloom, and the crop will be later this year by two weeks than was the case last season. Local growers harvest a limited tonnage, most of which is consumed at home.

Reports from Hood River are that the tonnage from an estimated 800 to 1000 acres of berries will yield about 50 cars of packed fruit and between 400 and 500 tons for processing and canning. This is approximately twice the amount harvested last year.

SENATE QUIZ SENDS STOCK PRICES HIGH

Short Covering Brings
Rally to Wall Street
Trading Today.

THREE-CENT GAIN MADE BY WHEAT

Big Shrinkage in Crop
Forecast of 1932 Factor
in Buying in Chicago
Market.

CHICAGO, April 9 (AP)—Wheat scored 3 cents a bushel advance at the market opening today. Sensational big shrinkage in the official forecast of 1932 domestic winter wheat production led to a rush of buying that swept values upward.

Opening 1 1/2-3 higher, wheat afterward held near the initial range. Corn started 1/4-1/2 up and continued firm.

STOCK MARKET RALLIES

NEW YORK, April 9 (AP)—Short covering prompted by the senate investigation brought a rally to the stock market today. Net gains of \$1 to \$2 were fairly general among leaders, although final prices were considerably under the highs made at the opening when a buying outburst brought advances of \$1 to \$5 a share. This flurry lasted hardly a quarter of an hour, giving way to quick profit-taking, but the market more than held its own on this set back and the depressing decline, in progress for eight consecutive sessions, was interrupted.

United States Steel Common closed at \$34.75, up \$1, although it had been \$2.62 higher. American Telephone held about half of a \$3.75 rise, finishing at \$108, up \$1.75. American Can's net advance at \$52.37 was \$2. Coca Cola, Case, Public Service of New Jersey, New York Central, Consolidated Gas, North American and Allied Chemical gained \$1 to \$2. General Motors was up a few cents. Transactions approximated 1,200,000 shares.

SENATORS 'SMILE WISELY'

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP)—Rumors of a huge raid planned for today on the New York stock exchange had a part in the sudden decision of the senate banking committee yesterday to call Richard Whitney, president of the exchange, to testify Monday.

This word came out today as the senate leaders smiled wisely at the abrupt upward swing of prices on the exchange. There was just an intimation at the capital that the purpose of calling Whitney for Monday had been forestalled.

Nevertheless, there was every probability that the purpose of the call would be accomplished.

WETS PARADE AT LANSING; SEEK REPEAL

DETROIT, Apr. 9 (AP)—Anti-prohibitionists from several Michigan cities paraded today in state capital at Lansing today bearing petitions with more than 200,000 signatures. Only 85,000 signatures are necessary. They seek a referendum on the repeal of Michigan's prohibition law.

PETITIONS FOR LIQUOR

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Apr. 9 (AP)—Initiative petitions providing for the repeal of the Wright act state dry law and proposing state control of liquor traffic were filed with Secretary of State Frank C. Jordan today. Proponents are endeavoring to qualify the petitions for inclusion on the November ballot.

Chinese Refuse To Accept Proposals

SHANGHAI, Apr. 9 (AP)—Today's session of the Sino-Japanese armistice conference was turned into a debate over definitions of the newly-drafted proposals of Sir Miles Lampson, British ambassador to China, and the meeting was adjourned until Monday in order to give the governments an opportunity of accepting or rejecting the suggested revisions.

The Japanese delegates accepted in principle the first of three alternative proposals proposed by the ambassador and covering the question of Japanese withdrawal, but the Chinese opposed all of them.

Philippine Judge Resigns Position

MANILA, Apr. 9 (AP)—E. Finley Johnson, ranking justice of the Philippine supreme court, today announced his resignation due to ill health, as he sailed for the United States. He had been on the bench here 31 years.

Justice Norberto Romualdez, resigned last month and Justice Charles A. Johns died a few months ago while on a visit home. The court now is three members under a quorum of nine.

Three nominations by President Hoover to the Philippine supreme court bench are pending in the United States senate.

Billion Dollar Supply Bill Is Passed by House

Appropriation Measure
Provides Funds For
Veterans Administration,
Farm Board, Etc.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (AP)—The billion dollar appropriation bill providing for the veterans administration, the farm board and other independent governmental agencies for the 1933 fiscal year was passed today by the house and sent to the senate.

DYER OPPOSES CASH BONUS
WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (AP)—Representative Dyer, Republican, Missouri, told the house today that France "is trying to undermine and destroy the American dollar."

He made this statement in a speech opposing cash payment of the soldiers bonus.

"This country," Dyer said, "is suffering from the fact that it loaned millions to foreign countries it cannot expect to collect. I am sorry today that I voted for this country to enter the world war."

"Today France is not the friend of America. She is trying to undermine and destroy the American dollar. Instead of France and Europe paying their debt of gratitude for all we did in the war, we have received nothing but criticism."

The bonus debate, fortelling the bitter struggle to begin next Monday before the ways and means committee, began with a speech by Representative Bulwinkle, Democrat, North Carolina, reminding the veterans they owed the government as great a debt during peace as during war.

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County Official Is Criticized By Polk Grand Jury

DALLAS, Ore., Apr. 9 (AP)—Alleged laxity in conducting public business yesterday brought severe criticism upon Hugh G. Black, county clerk, by a Polk county grand jury which also indicted his son, Lynne M. Black, chief deputy clerk, on a charge of petty larceny.

The specific charge against the younger man was the alleged theft of four volumes of the 1930 Oregon code from Polk county.

The investigation of the county clerk's office grew out of a recent audit which revealed, among other things, that Black had destroyed checks and check stubs on a special bank account through which public funds were handled.

The grand jury's report, which covered findings of the audit, criticized the county clerk for his inadequate records, for allowing deputies to prepare political literature on county time and at county expense, for including personal telephone bills with those of the county, and for failure to record and account for all small fees received.

Federal Officers Held For Murder

DALLAS, Tex., Apr. 9 (AP)—Murder charges were filed today in state court against N. D. Heaton, and L. C. Smith, federal prohibition agents, in connection with the shooting last night of Marion McGlothlin, gasoline station proprietor.

"I find that an honest, law-abiding, peaceful citizen has been ruthlessly murdered," said William McGraw, state district attorney.

Gasoline Prices Lowered 2 Cents

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 9 (AP)—A state-wide reduction in the price of ethyl and high grade gasoline and an increase in the quotations on "third structure" or low grade competitive gasoline was announced today by the Standard Oil company of California.

A cut of 2 cents a gallon on the ethyl and standard types of motor fuel was made effective in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Prices on third structure gasoline varied, however, in Los Angeles the increase was 2 cents a gallon; here it was 1/2 cent.

Under the new schedule retail prices for ethyl gasoline here were 17 1/2 and 14 1/2, respectively, and third structure fuel 12 1/2 cents here. The Los Angeles prices were 1/2 cent under these, all around.

Business Analyst Blames "Cycle Bacillus" For Economic Troubles

CLEVELAND, Apr. 9 (AP)—Invisible enemy forces within the nation's economic system must be discovered before the causes of the depression can be cured, Col. Leonard P. Ayres told Ohio statisticians at a banquet here last night.

Col. Ayres, one of the country's leading business analysts, and vice president of the Cleveland Trust Co., said economists could not combat their invisible enemy, the "cycle bacillus" until they have isolated it. He recommended that each of the statisticians aid in the search.

CANCELLATION OF DEBTS IS ITALIAN PLAN

Fascist Italy Submits Definite Program to the World Today.

DISARMAMENT IS ALSO SUGGESTED

First Nation to Declare Officially For Cancellation of Reparations, War Debts.

ROME, Apr. 9 (AP)—Fascist Italy was before the world today with a definite, far-reaching program for cancellation of reparations, cancellation of war debts and concrete disarmament. The tri-partite program was decided upon and announced here today on the eve of the re-convening of the world disarmament conference and the league of nations at Geneva next Monday.

The grand council of fascism announced its decision to support re-convening of reparations and cancellation of war debts after an all-night session over which Premier Mussolini presided. A settlement of the problem, its resolution declared, is the first step toward the economic recovery of the world.

The disarmament program was contained in a long document sent to the offices of the world conference at Geneva. It struck at the German "pocket battleships," the 23,000-ton French cruisers and the battle fleets of England and the United States and proposed limiting all navies to the Italian standard of 10,000-ton cruisers.

It also provided for abolition of

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FORMER SHERIFF SLAIN BY BANDIT

Notorious Outlaw Murders Pursuer—Makes Escape in Automobile

TULSA, Okla., Apr. 9 (AP)—Irv Kelley, former sheriff of McIntosh county, was shot to death early today in a raid on the Bixby farm home of Ben Hargraves, father-in-law of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, notorious Oklahoma outlaw. Officers who saw the shooting from a distance said he was slain by Floyd in flight.

Officers said Kelley had led a posse to the Hargraves home, but had dismissed its members a short time before the shooting in the belief that Floyd was not at the home.

They said Floyd escaped in a motor car with a man they identified as Earl Birdwell who also is wanted for a series of bank robberies and other crimes.

NEW TRIAL OF MURDER CASE IS REQUESTED

MEDFORD, Ore., Apr. 9 (AP)—Alleging misconduct on the part of a juror and citing discovery of new evidence, counsel for Albert W. Reed, of Denver, convicted of second degree murder, has filed a motion for a new trial.

Reed was convicted Mar. 4 of the murder of Victor Knott, Ashland policeman, who was shot to death last November. He is now serving a life sentence in the Oregon penitentiary.

With the new trial motion filed in circuit court here yesterday, was an affidavit alleging that Mrs. Myrtle Gebauer, juror in the Reed trial, during the course of the trial accompanied her husband to the scene of Knott's murder. Another affidavit said Roy Layman, who positively identified Reed as the murderer, had said earlier he could not identify Knott's slayer. Layman was with Knott when he was killed.

Famous Flutist Turns From Music

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 9 (AP)—For Julius Spindler, life is over at 65; and the silver flute he played against the background of Damrosch and Sousa bands has been put away.

Spindler, who ranked among the best flutists in his generation, who toured with Sousa's band and was assisting artist at concerts given by Sembrich and Melba, has joined the Salvation Army. To earn his keep he will swing and play a sort of handy man—this white haired Julius Spindler whose fingers have raced swiftly and competently in obligato to great voices.

CHILD BURNED SERIOUSLY

PORTLAND, Apr. 9 (AP)—Keith Kincaid, six years old, was seriously burned today when he fell into a fireplace at the home of his parents. Police gave him first aid and took him to a hospital. He suffered severe burns on his face, arms and body.

Lindbergh Baby Away From Home Nearly 40 Days

Mystery Seems no Nearer Solution Today Than a Few Hours After the Kidnaping.

HOPEWELL, N. J., April 9 (AP)—It is 39 days since Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's son was stolen and the mystery seems no nearer solution. A tenuous theory that the kidnaping and a brush fire that menaced the Lindbergh home recently were connected in some way was blasted last night. Police said they investigated and found no evidence the fire was incendiary. A suggestion had been made that both the kidnaping and the fire were possibly motivated by spite.

Three Northerners, intermediaries appeared at a standstill in their attempts to get the baby back.

NEGOTIATIONS IN MONTREAL
TORONTO, Ont., April 9 (AP)—The Globe says today:

"Suspecting that members of the Purple gang of Detroit might be implicated in the Lindbergh baby kidnaping, two state investigators, L. H. Huston and William Watkins, from Lansing, Mich., are endeavoring to develop contacts with an underworld clique in Montreal."

"Last Sunday a Detroit racketeer and two women were registered in a Toronto hotel. Their movements were closely watched by several local detectives, called in to aid the state officers. The party under surveillance moved on to Montreal, and it was learned they would aid in the return of the missing child if their demands that three members of the Purple gang be released from prison were met."

"The investigators, working in conjunction with Montreal police, have so far failed to unearth any clue to the whereabouts of the baby, who has been exactly 39 days away from the Lindbergh residence in Hopewell, N. J."

Still Hopeful

"Hopeful, however, that a contact might be developed between the authorities and the kidnapers, the two Michigan officers were reported last night still in Montreal awaiting further information."

"The three gangsters the Purple gang are seeking to have freed from jail were convicted a year ago for murder. During a gangsters' war in

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France, Germany Blame Each For 4-Power "Fiasco"

BERLIN, Apr. 9 (AP)—German newspapers today generally blamed France for what they called the "fiasco" of the four-power conference at London and said that the French had attempted to make the Danube reconstruction plan a political tool.

The industrial paper, Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung said that for the first time since the occupation of the Ruhr an international conference failed because the German delegates refused to accede to the wishes of the French.

AND FRENCH BLAME GERMANY!
PARIS, Apr. 9 (AP)—Today's newspapers blamed Germany and Italy for the failure of the four-power conference on Danubian policy which ended without agreement at London yesterday.

"France and Great Britain," said Le Temps, "are working in a spirit of conciliation to save Europe. Berlin is flirting with catastrophe, increasing the disorder and confusion."

Good Weather At Lake Washington

SEATTLE, April 9 (AP)—Good news—fair weather with gentle to moderate winds—greeted the racing crews of California and Washington a few hours before their annual Pacific coast rowing regatta here this afternoon.

The weather bureau reported that a low pressure area over the Pacific coast which had indicated heavy winds today, just failed to reach the coast and good racing conditions would prevail for the classic.

2 Executed For Attempted Murder

MOSCOW, Apr. 9 (AP)—Judias Stern and Sergel Vassiliev, convicted last week of the attempted assassination of Dr. Fritz Von Twardowski, counselor to the German embassy, were executed today by a firing squad. The central executive committee of the communist party had denied their appeal for clemency.

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HOOVER AND GROUP TALK EXPENSE CUT

House Committee and Chief Executive Holding Conferences.

EXPECT SAVINGS OF \$200,000,000.00

President Reported as Suggesting That His and Cabinet Members Salaries be Reduced.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (AP)—President Hoover and the special house economy committee found at a two-hour and a half session today that their views of how the government might save more than \$200,000,000 a year were along the same general lines.

Instead of an eleven per cent cut in federal salaries above \$1000 as some members of the committee are known to favor, the president's salary savings program proposed to stagger employment and readjust wages through the personnel classification board.

Would Cut Own Salary
The president was understood to have suggested furloughing employees approximately a month each year without pay, in addition to imposing a flat 10 per cent reduction. He also suggested that the salaries of the chief executive and cabinet members be reduced.

The committee and the president also were described as very close on

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MORE COUNTED DEAD DUE TO RIVER FLOODS

ARAD, Roumania, Apr. 9 (AP)—Thirty more victims were added today to the death toll from floods in Roumania during the past few days when the swollen River Maros broke through its dams at midnight last night and overwhelmed and destroyed seven villages near the Hungarian border.

Twenty-four of the dead thus far reported were inhabitants of the village of Mikalka. The other six were soldiers who were drowned near Radna.

It was estimated today that 15,000 people have been left homeless, their cattle, poultry and household belongings washed away, leaving them to face hunger.

Paroled, Ripley Must Stand Trial

OLYMPIA, Wash., Apr. 9 (AP)—Robert Ripley, was in Salient, Ore., on a murder charge, was given an executive parole here Friday by Governor Hartley so that he can be taken to Oregon for trial. He was serving a grand larceny sentence in Monroe reformatory.

Ripley is wanted in connection with the slaying at Silverton last May