

WESTERNERS ASK TARIFF ON LUMBER

Senate Finance Committee Hears Van Duzer and Greeley.

CANADIAN LUMBER IS HELD MENACE

Representative of West Coast Lumbermen's Association Presents Detailed Program.

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP)—A new tariff drive opened before the senate finance committee today with the appearance of a group of westerners to lay down their arguments in behalf of import taxes on lumber and pulpwoods.

Like the copper tariff advocates who appeared yesterday, they said their industry was hard hit and the duties were needed to hold back foreign competition and retain jobs for American workmen.

Arguments for the levy were presented by several 15-minute speakers who appeared in the stream of witnesses that came to oppose the sporting goods and other taxes written into the billion dollar revenue bill. Opposing the sporting goods tax, Julian W. Curtis, of New York City, representing the A. G. Spalding company, said "Most of the goods manufactured go largely to the youth of the country," and the tax would harm their physical development.

He said that about 25 colleges have large football receipts, "but in no case do they supply more than enough for athletic needs."

Since the bill proposes to tax also gate receipts, Curtis said, "it seems to me to be a case of double taxation."

Curtis said 95 per cent of sporting goods goes to young people, except material for golf which he added was a game for old and young.

"Mostly for old fellows like the chairman," observed Senator Harrison (D., Miss.), indicating Chairman Smoot (R., Utah).

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J. S. JOHNS, OF PENDLETON, IS CLUB SPEAKER

The Rotarians and numerous guests and visitors had the privilege of hearing an address by J. S. Johns, of Pendleton, and president of the American Title association, at today's luncheon at the La Grande hotel.

Mr. Johns, after a brief introduction by Frank Wyde, chairman of the program, related an interesting detail in connection with the history and system of recording land titles, and showed how the American Title association is endeavoring to constantly improve and simplify its methods and make it easier for American citizens to own property.

Guests of the club today were State Senator Colon R. Eberhart, J. R. Oliver, Judge C. M. Humphrey, Sheriff Wood Williams, Robert Scott, R. D. McCallum, of Enterprise, and P. A. McCullen, of Baker.

Visiting Rotarians were J. E. Akey, of Pendleton, and Sam Brookover and Charles Sampson, both of Boise.

McClay Director Of State Group

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 20 (Special)—The Oregon Retail Merchants association in annual session at the Multnomah hotel Tuesday elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, J. R. Roberts, Redmond; vice president, B. E. Sisson, Salem; secretary, C. F. Tait, Portland; directors, F. F. Conover, Tillamook; Vern L. Wenger, Portland and Harry McClay, La Grande.

The session closed with the 27th annual ball at the hotel Tuesday night.

Price maintenance is essential to development of sound business structures of the community and is not at all detrimental to the buying public, Stephen Mathieu, attorney, said in his address before the association Tuesday.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Unsettled and cool tonight or Thursday; snow flurries in the high mountains; probably showers on the coast; fresh to moderate changeable winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—36 above.
Minimum: 30 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy, frost.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 51, minimum 41 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain 24 of inch. Range—10 degrees.

WEATHER APR. 20, 1931

Maximum 54, minimum 29 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—35 degrees.

Students From 3 Counties To Vie For Honors

Declamatory Contest Here Saturday to Include Gilliam, Morrow, Union Speakers.

Contestants from Gilliam, Morrow and Union counties will vie for honors in an intercounty declamatory contest which will be held at the Eastern Oregon Normal school Saturday evening at 7:30. E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent, has completed the entire arrangements for the contest to which the public is invited free of charge.

The contestants will be divided into three divisions, third, fourth and fifth grades; sixth, seventh and eighth grades; and the high schools, and winners will be chosen in the non-humorous classes in the two former divisions, while in the latter they will be selected in dramatic, oratorical and humorous classifications. Judges will be chosen from the faculty of the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

Contestants will be judged on interpretation, 50 per cent; voice and stage presence, 25 per cent; pronunciation and enunciation, 25 per cent. In the oratorical or extemporaneous class, 25 per cent will be given.

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Mercury Drops To 30 Above In La Grande Area

A frost of severity enough to cause many to fear that the apricot crop in this section would be damaged, occurred in La Grande and vicinity this morning. The mercury at the municipal building dropped to two below freezing point, and other points in this vicinity reported temperatures as cold as 27 or 28 above zero.

Snow fell in the mountains of sufficient quantity to be noticeable this morning. Some flurries of snow occurred here late yesterday, but the snow melted as rapidly as it reached the ground. The precipitation for the 24 hour period ending at 7 this morning was .34 of an inch.

The weather forecast for tonight and tomorrow is unsettled and cool, with snow flurries in the high mountains.

WATCHING WEATHER

PORTLAND, Apr. 20 (AP)—Weather conditions throughout the fruit producing sections of Oregon are being eyed with close attention by growers and produce interests. Some apprehension was caused among cherry and pear growers in some sections by the recent heavy rains but they were unable to say whether more than pass-

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County Meet To Be On Saturday At Union Track

Arrangements are being completed at Union this week for the county track and field meet scheduled for Saturday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 o'clock, at the stock show grounds. The meet will, in effect, serve as a preliminary to the Eastern Oregon meet which will take place at Union a week from Saturday.

County competition has been held nearly every year during the last decade, with a few exceptions, and from present indications, La Grande's team will be pitted against athletes from Union, Imbler, Cove and possibly Elgin and North Powder. The events are open to any high school in the county that desires to enter athletes.

La Grande is favored to win the event with ease, following its triumph in the quadrangular event at Pendleton last Saturday when it scored more points than Pendleton, Walla Walla and Milton-Freewater teams did altogether.

DISCUSS PLANS FOR RALLY AT BAKER MAY 11

The women members board of the Grande Rode association of the Baptist church met yesterday afternoon at Haines to discuss plans for the women's rally to be held in Baker on May 11, and for the association meeting which will be an event of early June in Haines. Mrs. C. E. Happersett, president of the women's division; Mrs. Myrtle Moore, president of the local organization; Mrs. William Shade, secretary of the reading circle; and Rev. and Mrs. B. M. Goswin attended the meeting.

Saturday evening a group of girls belonging to the World Wide Guild of the church will go to Baker to be present at the rally at which Mrs. Hodge, of Portland, state secretary, will be the principal speaker. The meeting will open with a banquet at 6:30 in the Baptist church.

Disarm Principle Is Given Approval

GENEVA, April 20 (AP)—The world disarmament conference approved today the principal of reduction of armaments "to the lowest point consistent with national safety and the enforcement by common action of international obligations."

Approval of the principle was opposed only by Maxim Litvinoff, head of the Soviet delegation.

MAZUROSKY GUILTY OF BRIBE OFFER

Ex-president of Portland Market Company Pleads Guilty.

MADE ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE MAYOR

Case Continued Until May 2 For Sentence—Plea Comes Day Before Scheduled Trial.

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 20 (AP)—Jack J. Mazurosky, former president of the Central Municipal Market company, today pleaded guilty to a sur indictment charging him with having offered Mayor George L. Baker a \$10,000 bribe to influence the mayor's vote on a public market site.

The plea was entered in circuit court. The case was continued until May 2 for sentence. Mazurosky was to have gone to trial on the indictment tomorrow. The attempted bribery is said to have occurred about July 26, last.

The bribe is said to have been offered in an attempt to induce the mayor to vote in the council meeting for selection of the Fifth street site for the municipal market. The mayor, and City Commissioners John M. Mann, Earl Riley and A. L. Barbour voted for the First street site, which was purchased.

Later indictments were returned accusing the mayor, Mann and Riley, among others, of advocating a bribe, but the indictment against the mayor was dismissed yesterday.

Mayor Baker, Mann and Riley, however, must go to trial on indictments charging them with malfeasance and negligence in office in connection with the alleged overpayment of about \$200,000 for the front street site.

Mazurosky's guilty plea today, a surprising turn of events, made it appear likely that the trial of Baker, Mann and Riley, as well as of O. O. Laurgaard, city engineer, and C. Lee Wilson, president of the front street market group, will be set for early next week. Laurgaard and Wilson, likewise, are accused of malfeasance and negligence in office.

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HOME MISSIONARY GROUPS TO MEET

Convention of Western District Will Be Held at M. E. Church.

The eighth annual convention of the western district of the Women's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church will open in La Grande on the evening of Tuesday, Apr. 26 and continue through the morning and afternoon of Apr. 27, with the women of the La Grande Methodist church acting as hostesses.

Delegates from the entire western district of the Idaho conference are expected to attend the sessions. Miss Mabel Keech, of the Manley Settlement Center in Portland, a national project, will be the principal speaker throughout the meetings, while a feature of the Tuesday evening meeting will be the pageant presented by the Queen Ester Standard Bearers of La Grande.

Women who will participate in the Tuesday evening program are Mrs. H. Halsey, Union; Miss Mabel Morton, La Grande; Mrs. H. S. Gardner, Fruitland, Ida; and Miss Keech. Mrs. Leitner, of Boise, will lead the devotional program Wednesday morning. Reports will be heard from various divisions of conference; Mrs. J. Houston, of Caldwell will lead a quiet hour devotion program, and Mrs. W. Nusbauer, of La Grande will furnish a solo.

Miss Keech will address the afternoon session, following luncheon; and Mrs. B. F. Meredith, of Fruitland, Ida, will conduct the installation service. Mrs. C. O. Heath, of Caldwell, will lead the prayer, and the vocal solo will be furnished by Mrs. Thomas McGuire, of La Grande.

The sessions will close Wednesday afternoon.

FEELING RUNS HIGH IN TWO MILL CENTERS

EUGENE, Ore., April 20 (AP)—Feeling in the lumber communities of Veneta and Wolf Creek, west of Eugene, was tense today as two sawmills were forced to close when they were attached in a suit to collect money allegedly due for labor. About 400 persons are said to be left without income.

The mills closed last night after attachments had been filed in the suit brought by Oscar Vaughn to collect \$275 for labor.

Mill No. 1 at Veneta, and No. 3 at Wolf Creek, operated by the A. M. Matlock company, had been working throughout the year to keep the men employed, although the market was not good. With the closing of the mills the workers are left in a destitute condition.

A group of the mill workers conferred with the district attorney today as to their future course.

More Arguments Against Bonus Are Heard Today

Colonel Castle, Representing Committee For Reducing Cost of Peace, Opposes Measure.

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP)—The house economy committee today struck from President Hoover's re-trenchment program provisions limiting certain allowances, pensions and free hospitalization to World war veterans.

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP)—Demands for payment of the two billion dollars outstanding on veterans bonus certificates were blamed today by Colonel Benjamin F. Castle, of New York, upon "a lot of self appointed political leaders."

He made the statement in a brief hearing by the house ways and means committee, saying he represented the veterans committee for reducing the cost of peace.

Brigadier General Frank T. Hines will tell the committee tomorrow of the possible effects to be expected from the payment and Charles G. Dawes, head of the reconstruction corporation, will testify Friday in opposition to the payment.

Colonel Castle said: "I want to state my opposition to the Patman cash payment bill. 'I resent any one coming before this committee and saying they speak for 4,000,000 veterans. They don't represent me; I don't want it.'"

"There are a great number of veterans in the United States who are not organized and if they could be heard they would say they don't favor the bonus."

Castle said World war veterans are "badly led by a lot of self-appointed political leaders," in seeking a bonus payment.

He regarded war service as the inherent obligation of every able bodied citizen.

"Yet we are ending toward making the veterans a special class," he continued.

"I think all the money the war

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Car Stolen And Wrecked; Three Boys Are Sought

Police officers today were searching for three La Grande youths who stole Oscar Marshall's automobile last night and wrecked it in an accident at Fourth street and N avenue. When the car collided with I. McKenzie's machine, the three leaped from the car and escaped. The accident occurred about 9:15 o'clock.

According to Mr. McKenzie, he was driving along Fourth street and the stolen car came on N avenue, falling to stop at the stop sign, and ramming into his machine. The McKenzie car has a sprung frame, two spokes broken, a fender torn off and other damages. The Marshall car was quite badly damaged, with the frame sprung, the radiator and headlights damaged, etc.

Mr. McKenzie was not injured and it is not known whether any of the three boys were hurt.

Mr. Marshall is a member of the La Grande fire department.

Two Hurt Fatally By Hit-Run Driver

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20 (AP)—Two men were fatally injured here today when a hit-and-run driver operating a large, black sedan, sped into a group of four at a street intersection. Police were searching the city for the driver.

Daniel Tull, 52, was killed outright, and Mike Hennessy, 38, died in a hospital several hours later. Two other men in the group leaped to safety.

CHINA WILL ACCEPT PLAN OF LEAGUE

Japan Asked to Complete Evacuation of the Shanghai Area.

TOKYO, HOWEVER, WILL NOT AGREE

Japanese War Office to Spend 205,000,000 Yen on Military Expenses During Year.

NANKING, April 20 (AP)—China has decided to accept the draft resolution on withdrawal of troops from the Shanghai area prepared by the League of Nations committee of nineteen, a foreign office spokesman announced today.

Dr. W. W. Yen, China's representative on the league council, has been instructed accordingly.

The League of Nations committee of nineteen, representing the many member governments, adopted a resolution yesterday asking Japan to complete evacuation of the Shanghai area "in the near future." The resolution gave full authority to the negotiating for an armistice at Shanghai to determine when evacuation can reasonably be effected.

JAPAN WILL NOT AGREE
TOKYO, April 20 (AP)—It was stated on good authority today that Japan will not agree to the draft resolution of the League of Nations committee of nineteen dealing with the Sino-Japanese dispute and will object to any provision for permitting a mixed committee to fix the date of withdrawal of Japanese troops from Shanghai.

The war office today fixed 205,000,000 yen as the amount of the

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JUDGE TO ACT ON SLAYING CASE TODAY

BAKER, Ore., April 20 (AP)—Only 14 years old, declared by police to be the slayer of his foster mother, and by acquaintances to be "an unusually good boy," Clarence Woolery was today to learn what the state exacts of a youthful killer.

The boy, accused of first degree murder for the fatal shooting last week of Mrs. Frank Garlock, 50, in whose home he lived, was given a hearing in juvenile court Tuesday. Judge Charles E. Baird reserved his decision until today.

Three lines of action were before the court. The boy could be released; sent to the reform school, or transferred to the jurisdiction of the circuit court for trial as an adult.

Screams of Women Aid Snake Hunters

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Apr. 20 (AP)—Attendants at the Kent museum know their snakes—and also feminine nature.

So when 15 harmless reptiles escaped, an attendant was stationed in front of the museum. Whenever he heard a woman scream, he sauntered over and picked up a snake.

The last reports from the front of the museum was that 11 of the fugitives had been trapped.

There are still some matters under investigation before completion of the announcement," he said.

The governor came here yesterday to attend funeral services for Charles G. Moore. Later he conferred with Matt I. Sullivan, former supreme court justice and the governor's chief advisor in the Mooney case.

Mooney is serving a life sentence for conviction of the 1919 Preparedness day parade bombing here in which 10 persons were killed and 40 injured.

Salem High School Boys, Members Of Secret Society, Kidnap and Beat Athlete Because He Wouldn't Join

SALEM, Apr. 20 (AP)—Because he refused to join one of the secret high school societies here, Victor De Jardin, prominent Salem high school athlete, was "kidnaped" last night and "taken for a ride" into the country. There he was beaten to unconsciousness by ten of his schoolmates, whom he alleged all belonged to the same high school fraternity.

Battered and bleeding, De Jardin was found by friends several miles out of Salem. He said that among his attackers were several prominent athletes who threatened him with another beating if he accepted a ride back to Salem. The attackers' attitude was one of tying up the youth was thwarted by noise of

approaching persons. This was the third time the men attempted to "get him" it was reported.

De Jardin was a member of the Salem American Legion baseball team last summer and his name came to prominence at that time because of protests filed against him that he was over age. His record was cleared.

Principal Fred D. Wolf of the Salem high school started immediate investigation and said some action would be taken. Some of the names of the boys are reported known to investigators. Whether the district attorney's office would be called into the case had not been determined by De Jardin's father

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MORE TROUBLE IN OHIO COAL FIELDS

Explosion Shakes Village of Jewett—Shots Fired Near Tasa Mine.

CADIZ, Ohio, Apr. 20 (AP)—Fresh disturbances broke out today in the Eastern Ohio coal fields where miners are on strike in protest to wage reductions.

A mysterious explosion shook the village of Jewett, 10 miles north of here, about 1 a. m., but apparently did no damage.

Sixty miles to the south, in Noble county, nearly 200 strike sympathizers, a few hours later, attempted unsuccessfully to prevent 200 non-strikers from going to work at the Caldwell mine near Caldwell. The strikers were dispersed by Sheriff Clayton McKee and six deputies with a machine gun, although no shots were fired.

A group of strikers was reported earlier in the march in Guernsey county, but authorities there were unable to locate them.

Shots Fired Near Mine
Six shots were fired near the Tasa mine, a short distance from Jewett, but national guardsmen at the shaft reported no one was hit. They were unable to discover who did the shooting.

The explosion was possibly a short distance outside the village. Its exact locality was undetermined, but a check of nearby mines showed none of them were touched.

The national guard troops had anti-aircraft guns in position in the Cadiz sector today to prevent any attempts of an airplane bombing of the mines.

These weapons were set up after

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MOONEY'S FATE TO BE KNOWN ON THURSDAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 20 (AP)—Governor James Rolph is expected to make known tomorrow his decision on the pardon application of Thomas J. Mooney, and leave soon afterward for Richmond, Va., to attend the annual governors' conference.

The executive has announced he will make his decision public "as soon as possible after noon Thursday."

"There are still some matters under investigation before completion of the announcement," he said.

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JAFSIE GETS MESSAGE AND BAY DUCKING

Lindbergh's Emissary Falls Into Water When Rowboat Capsizes.

LOCKS OF HAIR SENT TO LINDY

Canadian Beauty Parlor Operator Tells of Cutting Locks of Boy Posed as Girl.

HOPWELL, N. J., April 20 (AP)—One of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's emissaries in the attempt to get kidnaped Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., back was recovering today from a soaking in chilly water.

Dr. John F. Condon, the "Jafsie" who paid \$50,000 of the Colonel's money to a man who represented himself as an agent of the kidnapers, went rowing in Peblham Bay, off the Bronx, New York, in an apparent attempt to make another contact.

His boat capsized at a dock as he returned and he was thoroughly wet before he scrambled ashore. The New York Daily News quoted him as saying "I got a message."

Reports were published today that Henry (Red) Johnson, sweetheart of the Lindbergh nurse, who was questioned about the kidnaping and exonerated, was on his way to Europe as a deportee, but this was found to be an error. Johnson remained at Ellis Island where he is held for deportation.

CHILD'S LOCKS SAVED
NEW YORK, April 21 (AP)—A special dispatch to the Brooklyn Eagle from St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, today said the curly locks of a child which had been seen there have been sent to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh in Hopewell for possible identification.

A beauty parlor operator saved the locks several days ago when she cut the child's hair.

The operators said a woman brought the child in, representing it

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STAB WOUNDS CAUSE DEATH OF 2 PERSONS

GARDEN CITY, N. Y., Apr. 20 (AP)—The body of a man who had been stabbed to death and a woman whose head had been crushed were found today in an open field in Garden City Park, Long Island.

They were victims of what police said "must have been a terrific struggle."

The man was tentatively identified as E. B. Brinker Jr., of Jackson Heights, and the woman was believed to be Rose Weik, of Flushing. Both were about 35 years old.

The woman's mouth was covered with the man's tape. There were numerous stab wounds in the man's throat and chest.

Indictment Against Mayor is Dismissed

PORTLAND, Apr. 20 (AP)—An indictment charging Mayor George J. Baker with advocating a bribe of \$5000 to each of two city commissioners for their votes in favor of a municipal market site here was dismissed by Circuit Judge Jacob Kanzer here late yesterday. The indictment was one of 15 returned recently after an investigation of the site controversy.

Louis L. Langley asked dismissal of the indictment because there was "no probability of securing a conviction," and "not sufficient evidence to justify said indictment."

Mayor Baker, however, still is under indictment for alleged malfeasance and negligence in office.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 20 (AP)—Almost two cents a bushel tumble in wheat prices late today accompanied liquidating sales by holders of May contracts.

Reports of dust storms in Kansas and Oklahoma failed to act as an offset. Bears put stress on Kansas City set, but a leading crop expert thought it would probably take two weeks to determine if the March freeze and recent dry weather had caused severe crop damage.

Wheat closed unstable, 1 1/2 @ 3/4 lower than yesterday's finish, corn 3/4 @ 1/2 down, oats 3/4 @ 1/2 off, and provisions unchanged to 5 cents advance.

PORTLAND, Apr. 20 (AP)—Further digest of the latest statement of the farm board regarding a sharp advance to be forced in the price of wheat caused further general loss in the domestic price on futures for the day, both Portland and Chicago being lower. On the Portland market May was unchanged, July 1/4 lower and September off 3/4. The loss was forced in the last minute by a bear attack.

On the merchants exchange cash wheat was unchanged. There were no sales of futures. Farmers are not offering the cash.

Woman Detective Kicked to Death In Cleveland, O.

CLEVELAND, Apr. 20 (AP)—Mrs. Kathryn Jones, 29, a divorcee who worked as an investigator for private detective agencies, was beaten and kicked to death today in the hallway of an east side apartment.

Three men running from the building were halted by patrolmen and later one of them was identified by two occupants of the apartment house as a man they saw kicking Mrs. Jones.

The woman acted as an informant for police in several liquor cases and once submitted evidence to federal prohibition officers, one of her former employers said. She was reported to have been threatened several times in recent weeks and once was attacked on the street.

Federal officials, however, denied she was an "under-cover" agent.

Letters addressed to "Kathryn Marshall" and "Kathryn Mason" were found at the slain woman's home. The latter, police said, apparently was her maiden name.

J. V. Gibbons, head of a detective agency for whom Mrs. Jones had been working, suggested her death might have been due to some enmity she incurred in her investigations.

TWO, FORMERLY FRIENDS, FIGHT TO THE DEATH

QUEENSBURY, N. Y., Apr. 20 (AP)—Two men, once pals in the quest for gold in the northland wilderness, are dead—victims of a furious fight for possession of a tiny shack.

Last summer Mike Kopok and Withold Nowokowsky, prospectors, shared a cabin on the road to Old Antler town site, bearing the hardships of the wilds together. But they quarreled—no one knows over what—and separated.

Last week Kopok heard that Nowokowsky had returned and taken possession of the cabin. He left Bakererville and headed for the shack, saying:

"One of us will likely be dead before this is settled."