

## Platform Makers Landslide For Dry Repeal

### BOURBONS MAY MAKE PLANK SOAKING WET

Committee Flatly Rejects Submission Plank in 35 to 18 Vote.

### PROHI WRANGLERS HOLD UP SESSION

Roosevelt Hedges When Asked For Stand on Liquor; Platform-Makers Agree.

CHICAGO, June 29 (AP)—The Democratic platform committee today voted overwhelmingly to commit the party in favor of prohibition repeal. The vote was 35 to 17.

CHICAGO, June 29 (AP)—The Democratic platform committee today voted down the majority report of the sub-committee for a prohibition submission plank. The vote was 35 to 18.

By Byron Price  
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

CHICAGO, June 29 (AP)—After five hours of wrangling over the next Democratic campaign document, the Democratic resolutions committee today adopted a prohibition plank committing the party in favor of repeal of the 18th amendment and immediate modification of the Volstead act.

This declaration was put into the platform by the resolutions committee after the majority report of the sub-committee for a submission plank which did not commit the party was rejected 35 to 18.

The surprised advocates of submission were undecided momentarily whether to carry the cause to the convention floor, but it was predicted they would make a minority report tonight.

The plank says in its first paragraph: "We favor the repeal of the 18th amendment."

The prohibition dispute, reached after the committee had waded through extended disputes over the silver and tariff declarations, the party would take to the people in the coming elections.

It worked throughout the day while

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### DEATH TAKES GEORGE ADAMS ELGIN CITIZEN

George W. Adams, 34, passed away at the veterans hospital in Walla Walla, Wash., Monday evening after a short illness, and the body has been brought to La Grande where funeral arrangements are being made under the direction of the Walker funeral service.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adams, of Elgin; and four sisters, Mrs. Tom Roulet, Lucy Adams, Mrs. Mildred Westlund and Ruth Adams, all of Elgin; and by four brothers, Ernest, Richard, Kenneth and Arthur, also all of Elgin.

Mr. Adams has been a resident of Elgin for the past 10 years, a member of the American Legion and a veteran of the World war.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Christian church in Elgin, and burial will be in the family plot in the cemetery there.

### Boone and Ferris To Attend Meet

The fifth annual state convention of the Lions clubs of Oregon will be held in Klamath Falls on July 12, 13 and 14, and Jack Ferris, former district governor, and Harold C. Boone, secretary of the local club, have been elected to represent the La Grande Lions organization. Fred Henning and Marcus Roesch were chosen as alternates.

The program which has been announced will include an afternoon at Crater lake.

The eighth annual meeting of the state was held in La Grande last summer.

WEATHER FORECAST  
Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday; but cloudy on the coast; no change in temperature; moderate north and northwest winds offshore.

## State Acts On Car Fees

### Sun Tanned And Happy, Guards Hit Town Today

Paul Walker Platoon Is Recognized For Best Kept Tent During Encampment.

Tanned from a sun that almost never failed, jubilant over their high achievement record, and exultant because they had "a great time and a lot of fun", members of Company E, Oregon National Guard, were on home soil once more this morning at 7.50 when their special pulled in at the depot.

They had been at Camp Clatsop for the past two weeks. Sunday the company had 13 hours in Portland, boarding their train for the last lap of the journey eastward at 11:15 p. m.

On arrival here today the guardsmen returned to the armory where officers checked in equipment and formally disbanded the company.

Members this morning described a final achievement of a section of their outfit that brought credit to

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### MANY LA GRANDERS SIGN TAX PETITION

Nearly 900 Names on Bills Backed By Taxpayers' League in State.

La Grande and Union county have contributed between 800 and 900 signatures to each of the three initiative bills of the Oregon Taxpayers' League, County Clerk C. K. McCormick announced today. A total of 4,328 names is necessary in the state to place the measures on the ballot.

Many petitions from all parts of the county have been turned over to Mr. McCormick for verification and sent to Secretary of State Hal E. Hoes for filing.

The first of the three bills is a tax supervising and conservation bill, the purpose of which is to provide a local non-salaried tax supervising and conservation board of three members for each county, appointed by the governor. Their duties will be to review budgets, regulate tax levies of the county and of all municipal corporations in the city; to appeal any order to the board made either by the levying body or by 10 interested taxpayers to the state tax commission; to hold hearings on levies and make recommendations as to special tax levies and incurring indebtedness and repealing the present tax supervising and tax conservation law.

The state tax commission will act as a supervisory board and will receive appeals made by the board or by 10 taxpayers. The bill also provides that special taxes by the people cannot be levied by a levying board but must be by all the electors, that is, when a bond issue is voted it is the duty of the board to hold a public hearing and make recommendations which it is not mandatory on the district to accept.

The second bill is a constitutional amendment and merely an enabling act to make the power of the state,

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### No Fireworks In City on Fourth Chief Proclaims

Fourth of July warnings were sounded today, both from the state fire marshal department and the La Grande City Chief C. T. Lindsey.

An immediate caution against using fireworks within the city limits on the fourth was issued by Mr. Lindsey. "We hate to disappoint the kids, but we have to be absolutely strict about enforcing the law on fireworks," declared the chief. "Last year we were more lenient and it caused trouble. This year we are going to see that no fireworks are used in La Grande."

From State Fire Marshal A. H. Averill came warnings against carelessness on the national holiday in handling fireworks.

He writes: "Every year scores of innocent children are killed—either outright or eventually through tetanic poisoning (lockjaw) as the result of powder burns—their eyesight or hearing destroyed, or otherwise cruelly and permanently crippled by the explosion of firecrackers and fireworks. Thousands of dollars in property values are also annually destroyed by fire from this cause."

"An act of the Oregon legislative assembly of 1911 (now known on the statutes as Sections 14-918, 14-919, 14-920 and 14-921, Chapter 9, Title 15 of the Oregon Code for 1930), makes it unlawful to sell, exchange, barter, or give away or in any manner

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### REVISION OF VERSAILLES TREATY ASKED

Germany Claims Change Vital If Recovery Is To Be Made.

### SWISS CONFERENCE THOUGHT FAILURE

No Cordiality Shown By Herriot and Von Papen As Interview Ends—MacDonald's Plea Futile

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, June 29 (AP)—Unconfirmed reports circulating here tonight said the Franco-German reparations deadlock had been broken with an agreement by the Germans on the principle of "payment of something on account." Heretofore Chancellor Franz von Papen has held that Germany cannot pay under any circumstances.

It was learned in French circles the German chancellor had "modified his tone during the afternoon" regarding his earlier statement that the former allied powers must alter the Versailles treaty before Germany would consider a different attitude toward reparations.

These developments indicate it would seem possible that some agreement might be reached at Lausanne without an adjournment.

By Melvin K. Whiteleather  
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, June 29 (AP)—Franz von Papen, German chancellor, held the powers at the war debts and reparations conference here today for revision of the Versailles treaty as a necessary preliminary for German participation in the economic reconstruction of the world.

In a statement to the press, Chancellor...

### La Grande Bank Receiver Job Is Protested in Suit

Power of the controller of currency of the United States to appoint a receiver for a bank is questioned in a suit filed in the United States National bank of La Grande filed yesterday in federal court against J. W. Pole, controller of the currency of the United States, and Hugh A. Bodmer.

The complaint asks an injunction restraining and enjoining the receiver from interfering with the affairs of the bank or in any way acting as a receiver.

Bank examiners on March 5, 1932, requested directors of the United States National bank of La Grande to take steps either for consolidation with the La Grande National bank or to join in organization of a new national bank, known as the First National bank of La Grande, the complaint sets forth. The plaintiff arranged for organization of a new bank, obtaining waivers from its depositors amounting to \$259,471.79 and transferring its assets to the new bank, it further states. It protests the appointment of Hugh A. Bodmer as receiver.

Bowerman and Kavanaugh, of Portland, are attorneys for the United States National bank, and it is presumed that the United States district attorney at Portland will act for the comptroller of the currency.

### Mercury Mounts To 96 Yesterday

An all-year high in the temperature readings was struck here yesterday, when the thermometer read 96 above. This was four degrees above the 92 mark established on three different days this month. To surpass the June heat record of 1931, however, the mercury will have to climb beyond 98. That reading was listed on June 7 last year in a brief hot stretch.

This morning at 7 a. m. the reading was 77, forecasting still another scorcher.

## Bribe Charges Flung

### Pendleton-La Grande Junior League Game Set for July 4

Athletic events which have been set for the fourth of July celebration to be held in La Grande under the auspices of the American Legion were announced today. La Grande will have the only observance commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Union, Baker and Umatilla counties. It is believed, and participants in the races are expected from far and wide, legionnaires state.

A baseball game between the American Legion Junior baseball team of La Grande and Pendleton has been scheduled for the afternoon at the high school field here, and will be immediately preceded by the greased pig free-for-all contest.

All other races and contests will be held on the downtown streets and among them are potato, egg sack, fat man's and needle and thread racing, pie eating, nail driving, bottle capping contests, boy and dog race, girls' roller skating and boys' and girls' foot races. Boys who wish to enter

### MEIER CALLS MORATORIUM ON LICENSES

Installment Payment Plan Getting Attention Of Executive Group.

### HOSS CALLED DOWN BY THE GOVERNOR

SALEM, June 29 (AP)—A two week moratorium on automobile licenses and investigation of the installment payment plan was ordered by Governor Julius L. Meier in a letter released late last night. The letter addressed to Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss further requests some plan of quarterly payments so that the more urgent cases may be taken care of.

The governor's move followed closely a letter sent earlier by Secretary Hoss to Attorney General Van Winkle asking if "there was any legal manner in which might help relieve the situation." Hoss specifically asked if a license moratorium was legal and if a monthly or quarterly basis could be adopted. He asked for prompt answer to his inquiry.

Governor Meier who released his letter in Portland charged that Hoss was refusing to cooperate as evidenced by his preliminary conversation when the governor's plan was proposed and by his immediate request of a legal opinion.

Meier Calls Down Hoss  
"Mr. Hoss knows that the question of constitutional limitations is not a proper one to raise at this time," Governor Meier said. "It may be that technically we would be overstepping provisions of law. I consider it un-

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### School Children To Give Production

"The Cradle Songs of Many Nations" is the production on which Miss Melba Williams, director of music at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, is rehearsing the children of the J. H. Ackerman Training school. The group of lullabies will be presented by choruses of voices selected from all the grades.

The date for the presentation to which the public will be invited has not been set but will probably be during the fifth week of summer season.

Miss Williams is an excellent choral director, having had extensive training and experience and the production promises to be delightful.

### Hundreds Drowned In Yangtze Floods

NANKING, China, June 29 (AP)—Hundreds of farmers in the valley of the Kan river have been drowned since thousands are homeless as a result of floods in the Yangtze district. Cholera is adding to the misery of the people.

### Traylor Manager Says Roosevelt Is Offered Money

CHICAGO, June 29 (AP)—Frank Scofield, the Traylor campaign manager, charged in a statement today that an unidentified man whom he said described himself as a Roosevelt worker had offered him \$10,000 to sign a statement withdrawing Traylor's name.

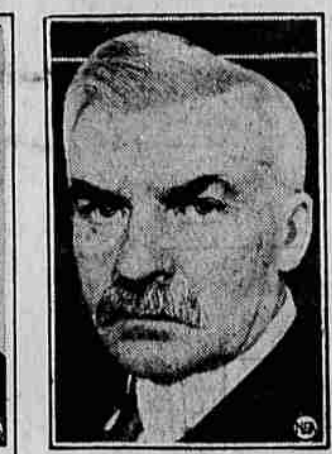
When reached at his office at the First National bank, Traylor said: "I never knew of the thing until newspaper men called me early this morning. Then I verified it from Mr. Scofield. I have the highest regard for Mr. Scofield and have known him for many years. This will in no way change the relationship between us in his effort in my behalf. I have been too busy in the banking business the last few years to pay much

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### WINNER AND LOSER



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### Rumors Say Kerr Sure To Get Job As Chancellor

By Clayton V. Bernhardt  
(Associated Press Correspondent)

SALEM, June 29 (AP)—The naming of W. J. Kerr, president of Oregon State college, as chancellor of the two state institutions in Oregon was removed from a remote possibility to a favored certainty here today by comments and inferences from official sources. Although none of the official sources wished to be quoted, those "in the know" expressed the opinion that Kerr would be the chancellor.

New impetus to this belief was given by information that O. L. Starr, chairman of the state board of higher education, had been in conference several times with President Kerr since his return from the west on a chancellorial speaking tour. Starr and E. C. Sammons, a member of the board, returned several days

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### Army Ignores Senate Move To Provide Rides

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP)—While congress and Washington police sought to encourage abandonment of the capital's "bonus army," the veterans today seemed solely concerned with settling the leadership of their battered ranks.

They showed little interest in senate adoption yesterday of a resolution sent to the house under which the former service men would receive federal loans for transportation home. Hardly had the police, prompted by nearly depleted provisions, passed word to the veterans it was time for them to leave Washington, than new strife began to brew over the "army's" organization.

"Confirmation election" was called at all camps today to decide if Walter W. Waters of Portland, Ore., should be chosen permanent commander-in-chief after his reelection to that post by the acclaim of some 7,000 men last night.

Water's re-election came a few hours after Thomas Kelly of Camden, N. J., who had been acting chief, was succeeded by George Kleinholz, also of Portland.

If the senate-approved proposal by Howell (R., Neb.) were enacted, transportation would be provided up to July 15, with travel subsistence of 75 cents a day. The money would be advanced as loans without interest, but if not repaid would be deducted from adjusted compensation certificates.

### Curtis' Duplicity Is Brought Out In Lindy Case

FLEMINGTON, N. J., June 29 (AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was described in testimony today as having at one time tried to leap into a stormy sea to swim to a boat on which he believed his kidnapped baby was held for ransom.

As this statement was made Col. Lindbergh, seated at the prosecution table, smiled broadly and turned to make a laughing remark to someone seated near him.

W. E. Haskell, a newspaper executive, was on the stand at the third day's session of the trial of John Hughes Curtis for hindering capture of the kidnappers when this testimony came out.

"What did Curtis say of Col. Lindbergh?"

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### SENATE APPROVES MONETARY MEET

Delegate Money Voted Despite Borah's Disapproval.

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP)—The senate today voted \$40,000 for the United States to take part in a world monetary conference, rejecting a recommendation of President Hoover that the fund be granted for an international economic conference.

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP)—Chairman Borah of the foreign relations committee told the senate today since efforts at the Lausanne conference to settle Franco-German reparations question appear to have broken down it would be useless to hold the world economic conference planned for this year.

The Idahoan said the world can "get nowhere" in solving its economic problems "until the reparations question is settled."

Borah spoke during debate on a proposal for an appropriation of \$40,000 for expenses of an American delegation to the economic conference to be called by Great Britain at London later in the year.

He added that he would like to see a conference for the restoration of silver but observed there had been no reference to silver thus far.

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### National Group Names C. A. Rice

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 29 (AP)—State directors to serve during the ensuing year were elected today by the National Education association. They include:

Idaho: Hank.  
Montana: R. J. Cunningham, state secretary of Montana association, Helena.  
Oregon: C. A. Rice, superintendent of schools, Portland.  
Washington: O. C. Pratt, superintendent, of Spokane, Washington.

### British To Stay Out of Lindy Case

LONDON, June 29 (AP)—There will be no representations by the British government to the United States in connection with the death of Violet Sharpe, parliament was informed today.

The under-secretary for foreign affairs said the consul-general at New York had reported on the death of the servant girl, who committed suicide in the Morrow home at Englewood, N. J., after questioning by police in connection with the Lindbergh kidnapping.

"There would appear to be no grounds which would warrant representations to the United States government," he said.

### Congress Plugs At Final Points On Relief Bill

Irons Out Differences In Garner Measure; End Of Session Believed Due On Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP)—Speaker Garner predicted at his press conference today the conference on the \$2,300,000,000 Garner-Wagner relief bill would reach an agreement late this afternoon or tomorrow.

He said the legislation must be a compromise with concessions from both sides.

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP)—House and senate conferees agreed today on legislation to release 40,000 bushels of wheat and 500,000 bales of cotton from farm board stocks for relief purposes.

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP)—Congressional action was completed today on the \$320,000,000 navy appropriation bill when the senate adopted the conference report.

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP)—Consideration of the Hayes-Cutting bill for Philippine independence was begun in the senate today after the last of the appropriation bills had been passed and sent to conference.

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP)—The \$180,000,000 economy bill was out of the way and relief slowly being moulded into its final form today as congress plugged along its legislative

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### Did Nurse Have Other Loves? Sister Says 'Yes'

LOS ANGELES, June 29 (AP)—David Hutton, the rotund choir singer and husband of Evangelist Almes Temple McPherson Hutton, was to take the stand today to deny that he was the fiery lover-seducter by Myrtle Joan St. Pierre, attractive Pasadena nurse, who is suing him for \$200,000 for alleged breach of promise.

"Mr. Hutton positively will take the stand," said Mark Jones, one of the defense attorneys.

The defense, opening its case yesterday, had a few more witnesses to summon today to lay the groundwork for their case by presenting the 30-year-old nurse as "a woman with a past." As soon as these witnesses finished their testimony, Hutton was to take the stand, it was announced.

Drama supplanted the humorous side of the case with the appearance on the stand of Mrs. Gladys Cassill, sister of the plaintiff. The sister testified for Hutton.

"I am trying to help her find herself," Mrs. Cassill declared.

"Isn't it a fact," asked Attorney Loren Andrews for Miss St. Pierre, "that you told a friend they offered you a signed check for \$5,000 if you would testify against your sister?"

"I don't remember," the witness replied.

Mrs. Cassill admitted that Hutton asked an investigator for Angelus temple had approached her, asking that she "try and get in touch with Myrtle and get her to start a new life."

### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, June 29 (AP)—Stop loss selling by scattered holders had a bearing effect on grain today with aggressive buying support absent.

Export demand for wheat was confined almost entirely to Canadian grain. July oats fell to a new low price record for the season and rye equalled former lows.

Wheat closed nervous, 1/4 @ 1/2c under yesterday's finish, corn 1/4 @ 1/2c down, oats 1/4 @ 1/2c off, and provisions unchanged to 1/2c decline.

CHICAGO, June 29 (AP)—Sagging of wheat prices early today accompanied reports that the Lausanne conference was facing a breakdown. Professional traders were moderate sellers as a rule. Opening unchanged to 1/2c lower, wheat afterward declined all around. Corn started unchanged to 1/2c up, and subsequently eased somewhat.

### ROOSEVELT FORCES STRAIN TO SWAY VOTES

New York Camp Seeking Popular States For Final Support.

### MISSOURI MOVES AWAY FROM REED

Al Smith's Friends Fear Tammany May Sway Over to Governor; Texas Rumored on The Fence.

CHICAGO STADIUM, June 29 (AP)—With the platform committee still unable to return a report, the Democratic convention recessed at 2:19 p. m., until 7 p. m.

By Sam Bledsoe  
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

CHICAGO, June 29 (AP)—From the Roosevelt camp today the siren call to "mount the bandwagon" was directed especially at a small army of delegates from six populous states.

The six were New York, Missouri, Indiana, Texas, California, and Ohio, having a total of 302 votes at this convention. They are a good many more than twice the number needed to make the New York governor Democracy's choice to take Herbert Hoover's place in the White House.

There were indications also that to some of the delegates the call from the Rooseveltians had already sounded like music.

Missouri Already Breaking  
Despite the plea from "Jim" Reed, the man they are pledged to for the presidency, 19 1/2 of Missouri's 39 votes broke loose yesterday and went to the permanent chairmanship.

The Missouri men have indicated they will follow instructions and give Reed their 39 votes on the first vote for the presidency. After that, a rush toward the Roosevelt standard is quite likely. How many would join in it was a question being asked by both sides.

Indiana threw its strength solidly against Roosevelt today but Thursday will probably tell a different story. Some members of the delegation have estimated that the New Yorker will get at least 20 votes.

Ohio Strong Opponents  
As things stood last night, there was some comfort among somber faced enemies of Roosevelt in the attitude of the Ohio delegation.

It threw 48 1/2 votes against the Rooseveltians in the Shouse-Walsh test and today it appeared there was no concerted movement toward the leader.

Tammany May Go Over  
There was concern, however, among the friends of Alfred E. Smith and other candidates over reports from close to Tammany, that the tiger delegates were seriously considering rallying to Roosevelt. Leaders of the organization already had said frank-

### MANY ATTEND BANQUET FOR O. S. C. PREXY

PORTLAND, Ore., June 29 (AP)—Representatives from communities from all sections of the state gathered at a banquet here last night to honor Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of Oregon State college, who has spent 25 years of work in helping develop the college and the state. More than 450 persons attended.

The gathering was described as an "all-state testimonial to the service of Dr. Kerr," by Mayor George L. Baker, toastmaster.

Dr. Kerr is a pioneer by birth, a pioneer in spirit and a pioneer in the great land grant system of education which has done so much in breaking down the caste system in America, helping to make a pathway from every part of the state to the center of education," said Dr. E. O. Holland, head of Washington State college, the principal speaker.

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