

HOOVER IS OUT OF OREGON CAMPAIGN

Managers Cease Efforts in His Behalf.

WOULD FIGHT NO-LEAGUE

Primary Contest Should Be for Principles, Not Men.

HOPES TO BEAT JOHNSON

Declares Effort for Him as Candidate Is Impractical—Wants League Delegates Chosen.

Herbert Hoover, candidate for president, has requested cessation of all effort in his behalf during the primary campaign in Oregon, asking that his local management devote exclusive attention henceforth to the selection of republican national convention delegates who are committed to the principles of the league of nations.

In taking this action he makes it clear that his unselfish retirement from the state primary is designed to further a concerted expression of the republican voters of Oregon, for the league of nations with senate reservations.

Move Aimed at Johnson.

Inasmuch as the only important candidate before the voters of Oregon, representing "no-league" sentiment, is Hiram Johnson of California, the request of Mr. Hoover can be construed only as an urgent request to defeat Mr. Johnson at the local primary of May 21. His action is not understood, however, to be in any sense a withdrawal from candidacy before the Chicago convention.

Such is the construction placed upon a telegram received last night from Mr. Hoover, which was sent to Mr. Murphy, chairman of the Hoover republican club of Oregon, and O. C. Leiter, secretary, who declare that his instructions can have no other interpretation.

Letter acted immediately in conformance with the instructions of Mr. Hoover and sent the following message in reply:

"Your telegram of today received. Subordinating our own desires, we shall follow your wishes and stop our campaign efforts in your behalf in the Oregon republican primary, and will, as requested by you, devote our energies toward influencing the selection of the republican convention to choose only delegates to the republican national convention who are committed to the league of nations with senate reservations. We are tonight releasing your message for publication in tomorrow morning's papers."

Pointed Not Considered.

Discussing the Oregon situation, with reference to the league of nations significance, Mr. Hoover declared in his message that the five candidates appearing on the republican ballot under hazardous a proper expression of united public sentiment for the league. In the reference to five candidates it is plain that Mr. Hoover has not taken cognizance of the retirement of Senator Hiram Johnson, as a candidate, inasmuch as the name of the latter appeared on ballots that were printed prior to his announcement of withdrawal.

"I understand that five candidates on the republican ballot," runs the message to Mr. Murphy and Mr. Leiter, "all of whom have friends. Some of these candidates are for and some against the league. No one of these candidates can withdraw. Consequently there will be a great split in the votes between mere names resulting in the clouding of the vital issues. The total vote recorded against the 'no-league' name might give some indication of Oregon's views and every effort should be directed to this end rather than the advancement of my name."

Telegram Is Surprise.

When asked to comment further upon Mr. Hoover's telegram, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Leiter made the following statement:

"Mr. Hoover's telegram came as a complete surprise to us, and is only another evidence of his supreme fitness for the presidency of the United States. It is an evidence of his willingness at all times to subordinate self to the best interests of the nation. We have no further comment to make, other than is contained in our telegraphic reply to Mr. Hoover."

Asked regarding the attitude of the local Hoover campaign strength toward any of the candidates who are committed to the league with senate reservations, both Mr. Murphy and Mr. Leiter said that they had no recommendations to make with regard to republican national convention delegates.

"The president-elect should be selected by the republican voters of Oregon, and the selection of delegates who are pledged to presidential candidates favorable to the league."

SUGAR TO BE RAISED ANOTHER NOTCH SOON

ADVANCE TO 28 CENTS NEXT WEEK HELD LIKELY.

Housewives Could, if They Would, Bear Market by Boycott, Says Local Jobber.

Some time next week the retail price of sugar may climb to about 28 cents a pound, judging from the actions of the raw sugar market in the east at this time.

Yesterday New York refiners raised their bids and bought Cuban raw sugar at 21 cents. The Pacific coast refiners have agreed to pay Hawaiian planters the New York price on the day sugar arrives, and that means that the California refiners, when they make their next allotment of new sugar from the islands, will charge the shippers 24 1/2 cents. The jobbing price to the retailers will be about 26 cents, or 1 1/2 cents over the present price.

There is no way to beat the refiners' bid, said a local jobber yesterday, "unless the consumers of the United States voluntarily agree to boycott sugar for a certain length of time, and this I doubt whether they will do. The administration might have settled the matter some months ago and given us 9-cent sugar, but for some reason it turned down the opportunity and it is now too late for such action."

"That the refiners are not averse to paying the Cuban and Hawaiian planters exorbitant prices for their raw sugar is not surprising when we know that the stockholders in the big American refineries are also stockholders in the sugar plantations."

"If the housewives of America would agree to boycott sugar for a month it would bring about such a slump in the market that no one could complain about the price. The times are too prosperous, however, to think that this will be done."

CHARGES AGAINST HOUSER BASELESS

Grain Corporation Official Exonerated.

FEDERAL INQUIRY FINISHED

Accused Held Entitled to Public Commendation.

TIME, SERVICE DONATED

Grand Jury Allegation of Manipulation of Wheat Market Is Wholly Discredited.

Vague and indefinite charges made by a federal grand jury at Spokane against the administration of Max H. Houser, vice-president of the United States grain corporation are wholly discredited and found to be in every way baseless by United States Attorney Humphreys of Portland, who has completed an investigation of these charges.

The report and findings of the United States attorney were made public yesterday, and disclose that Mr. Houser not only is exonerated from any charge of wrong doing, but is entitled to universal public commendation because of his sacrifice of time and service to the nation while it was at war with Germany.

Profits Declared Small.

"I find that Mr. Houser personally and through his companies did not make immense profits," reads a paragraph in the signed statement given for publication yesterday by Mr. Humphreys. "The profits were small. There was no violation of law, no improper use by Mr. Houser of his position, and no evidence of manipulation of wheat prices by officials of the grain corporation."

On the contrary, the evidence shows that Mr. Houser sacrificed his time and business to the work of the grain corporation.

A resume of the charges and subsequent investigation shows that on February 7, this year, a federal grand jury sitting at Spokane, submitted a report in which it accused Mr. Houser of having manipulated the business of the grain corporation with immense profits to himself and milling companies. It also charged that present high prices of grain products were due to this alleged wrongful manipulation.

Houser Demands Inquiry.

Immediately following the publication of this grand jury report, Mr. Houser telegraphed to Washington and demanded a full and complete investigation of these charges. United States Attorney Humphreys was instructed by Attorney-General Palmer to institute an inquiry and report findings as soon as possible.

Assisting Mr. Humphreys in his investigation were William Bron, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice in this district, and George R. Mayo, special bank accountant for the department of justice, included with the Humphreys' report is a statement from Mr. Mayo, dealing entirely with the financial side of the investigation. His report likewise disproves all charges made against Mr. Houser.

The signed statement given for publication is as follows:

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BISHOP COOKE CALLED USURPER OF POWERS

METHODIST SESSION IS ASKED TO FIX ACCOUNTABILITY.

Reappointment of District Superintendents, Violating Church Discipline, Is Charged.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., May 13.—It was made known here today by Rev. A. E. Fouch, pastor of the Warren Methodist church, that a petition and memorial had been filed asking that acts of Bishop R. J. Cooke of the diocese of Montana, which includes Idaho, who resigned at the Methodist general conference at Des Moines a few days ago, be investigated. The conference was requested to answer the question, "Should the bishop not be held strictly to account for his bad precedent and usurpation of power?" The act charged in the reappointment of district superintendents for the seventh consecutive year in violation of the church discipline. The superintendents appointed were the late Rev. W. Van Orsdal and the Rev. J. A. Martin. The latter is now at the general conference. The petition and memorial is signed by the Rev. F. A. Riggin, dean of the conference in which the alleged violation occurred. Rev. J. A. Alford of Valier, the Rev. M. Fouch of this city, Judge R. W. Herry and A. J. Flegal of the local church. Bishop Cooke's resignation was announced at Des Moines several days ago.

PORTLAND PROPOSED FOR AIR MAIL ROUTE

NINE-HOUR RUN TO SAN FRANCISCO IS CONSIDERED.

Second Assistant Postmaster-General Makes Announcement on Arrival in South.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—A nine-hour air mail service between Portland and San Francisco is under consideration by the postoffice department. Otto Praeger, second assistant postmaster-general, said today upon his arrival here in connection with the contemplated San Francisco-New York air mail service.

"The fastest train between San Francisco and Portland is 30 hours," he said. "With air planes we can make the trip in nine hours. If by establishing an air mail route we can save \$50,000 a year, I can enter into a contract with a private individual for the operation of the service. There might possibly be a service greater than this."

Landing field conditions in Portland were described by Mr. Praeger as "ideal."

GUARD GAINS STRENGTH

Statistics Show 1346 Enlistments of 2152 Authorized.

SALEM, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—Statistics show, according to the war department statement, that Oregon's enlisted strength for its national guard is 2152 men, of which 1346 have been enlisted. During the month ending May 1 there were enlisted in Oregon two companies of infantry, two companies of coast artillery, one company of engineers with 117 men and four officers, and one quartermaster detachment of 24 men, composed mostly of commission officers. The company of engineers, which is located in Portland, was the first to win federal recognition in the national guard in the United States, according to the adjutant-general.

LINE LAID TO LIGHTHOUSE

Keper, Long Isolated, Today Will Be Able to Talk to Shore.

ASTORIA, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—The laying of the six miles of submarine telephone cable to connect the Tillamook rock lighthouse with the shore, was completed late yesterday afternoon and the line will be connected ready for service by tomorrow afternoon. The cable was taken out by the lighthouse tender Manzanita, Captain Moser, and the coast guard crew ran a line from the vessel to the shore at Ecola Beach, where George Walters, Jack McIrwine and "Dutch" McCroskey of the port of Astoria, pulled the cable ashore with a donkey engine. The Manzanita is still at Tillamook rock, assisting in making the proper connection there. This telephone cable will be connected at Ecola with the telephone line extending to the coast guard station at Hammond and to Astoria. Within the next few days the Manzanita will leave for St. George Reef, Cal., where she will lay six miles of telephone cable from the lighthouse to the shore.

INDIANA GOES FOR WOOD

Four Delegates-at-Large Increase Pledges in State to Ten.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 13.—Indiana republicans in state convention today by a margin of seven votes instructed the four delegates-at-large to the national convention to support Major-General Leonard Wood for the presidential nomination. The vote was 753 to 746.

One of the closest contests was on the question of instruction for the "big four," the Wood forces winning after the Marion (Indianapolis) county delegates had been polled twice.

Six district delegates to the national convention in Chicago also have been instructed for Wood, giving him ten supporters from Indiana.

Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California reports that a robber or robbers had obtained the keys to his strong box and had made away with \$15,000. Officers early this morning started an investigation to ascertain the loss.

BAR CHAMBERLAIN, IS WILSON EDICT

Split in Oregon Democracy Inevitable.

CHALLENGE CLEARLY MADE

Message to Dr. Smith Affirms Hamaker Letter.

HUGE BOYCOTT ESSAYED

President Asserts Support of Senator in Oregon Is Inimical to the Administration.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 13.—It was evident from private telegrams reaching Washington today from Oregon that a number of democrats in that state favor making a clear-cut issue between Senator Chamberlain and the president.

The view of these democrats appears to be that since the telegram sent by Secretary Tumulty yesterday to C. J. Smith, chairman of the Oregon democratic state central committee, there is nothing to do but accept the challenge and say to every democrat in the state, "You must either stand for Chamberlain or the president. You cannot support both at the same time."

Chamberlain Aimed At.

It was late today before many of the leading democrats had seen the Tumulty telegram to Chairman Smith, which, to their minds, clinched the fact that the president's telegram of last Sunday night sent to Gilbert R. Hamaker of Portland, anti-Chamberlain leader, was for the purpose of injuring Senator Chamberlain. The apparent intention of the White House was to withhold the telegram from eastern newspapers, and only one of them got it, the New York World, which seems to take the view of it already attributed to others, which is that it was meant to beat Chamberlain.

The telegram was a surprise, however, because Secretary Tumulty had promised to send a disavowal of any intention to injure the Oregon senator. The explanation offered today by senate democrats was that when the matter reached the president he demurred to any disavowal and chose instead to have Tumulty send a wire which would emphasize his opposition.

Message Curt Enough.

Democratic friends of Senator Chamberlain read the curt telegram to Chairman Smith over and over. It read:

"Telegram received. The president's telegram to Mr. Hamaker is to be taken exactly for what it is—the answer to a question."

The conclusion was that the president was not only confirming the general public impression of what his earlier telegram meant, but that he was trying in the Smith telegram to "get rough about it." And then came expressions of regret from some that the president's son-in-law, William Gibbs McAdoo, had been permitted to have the field all to himself on the democratic ballot in Oregon. Chamberlain democrats, it was asserted, should have some anti-investigation to ascertain the loss.

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FARMER ADMITS MURDER

North Dakota Man Confesses to Killing of Family.

WASHBURN, N. D., May 13.—Henry Laver, farmer, has confessed to the killing of the Jacob Wolf family and their three boys, Jake, Hofer, and the Wolf farm three miles west of Turtle Lake, N. D., April 22, it was announced here today by J. E. Williams, state attorney for McLean county. His feeling of long standing, culminating in a quarrel over injuries administered to Laver's cattle by Wolf's dog, was responsible for the crime, according to Laver's confession.

\$15,000 REPORTED STOLEN

Express Messenger at Spokane Is Beaten; Unable to Talk.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 14.—An express messenger, so badly beaten that he was unable to talk, was taken to the emergency hospital late last night from the express office at the Great Northern railroad station.

Although no information could be obtained from the injured man, there were reports that a robber or robbers had obtained the keys to his strong box and had made away with \$15,000. Officers early this morning started an investigation to ascertain the loss.

LIVES SAVED AS GIRL GIVES FIRE WARNING

JAEGER APARTMENTS BLAZE CAUSES \$20,000 LOSS.

Fireman Injured Fighting Flames. Two Persons Carried From Fourth Floor to Safety.

Presence of mind on the part of Miss Elsie Thatcher, pretty young daughter of Dr. Alexander P. Thatcher, owner of the Jaeger apartments, 701 Washington street, corner of King street, resulted in saving lives when fire, which did \$20,000 damage, was discovered in that structure at 9:50 o'clock last night. The only person injured was a fireman who sustained a slight burn. Two persons were carried to safety from the fourth floor.

The 32 apartments in the building, which has four floors, all were occupied. The fire originated in the basement at the rear of the building at the foot of the freight elevator shaft, either from oily rags or an electric drop light, which were found near a pile of badly scorched newspapers.

The fire started in the basement, discovered smoke coming from the basement and notified the Thatchers. Miss Thatcher immediately rang all the telephone numbers in the various apartments simultaneously by a special system of alarm, and after all the residents were thoroughly aroused, sent in an alarm to the fire department.

Many persons had retired for the night, while others in all forms of decollete attire made their way scantily clad to the street, using the stairways, while others used the fire escape.

Only one person became hysterical, Mrs. A. E. Foss, who, with her husband occupied an apartment on the fourth floor.

RUSSIAN TRADE HELD UNLIMITED

Speakers Point Out Enormous Needs.

HOPE FOR STABILITY FAINT

Friendliness of Orientals Told at Convention.

GOVERNMENT IS RAPPED

World Center of Commerce to Swing to Pacific With Development of East, Is Assertion.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 13.—The importance of Russia as a factor in world trade was emphasized here tonight by speakers at a group session of the seventh annual convention of the National Foreign Trade Council.

Addresses at the session, which was on the topic, "American Trade With Russia," were given by William C. Redfield, former secretary of commerce and now president of the American-Russian chamber of commerce; Dr. David P. Barrows, president of the University of California, and Jerome Lanfield, former adviser to the state department on Russian affairs and now executive vice-president of the American-Russian chamber of commerce.

"There are several points of view from which Russia and America are so interdependent as to concern every one of us in his personal life," said Mr. Redfield. "One acre out of every six on this globe is a Russian acre; one out of every eight human beings in this world is an inhabitant of Russia."

Real Trade Waits Calm.

"No real trade with Russia is to be looked for until the catastrophic transportation conditions in Russia are rehabilitated and production begun again, and there is no hope of either of these eventualities under the present soviet government. But when the time comes that real trade with Russia is possible, it will be found that Russia will constitute by far our most important customer and an unlimited field for profitable enterprises."

Potentialities of trans-Pacific trade possibilities and barriers to foreign trade by what was described as governmental inefficiency and lack of coordination were subjects discussed today.

BLINDED DRIVER HITS CAR

Chauffeur of Grain Truck Strikes Electric Train.

Blinded by the sun's reflection on the windshield of the large grain truck he was driving late yesterday afternoon, Chester Stewart of Hillsboro, swerved his machine directly into an oncoming Southern Pacific electric train near Front and Hamilton streets. Fred Blatter, 19, of 300 Hamilton avenue, jumped just before the collision and escaped injury, but the driver of the truck was slightly hurt. The truck received a smashed hood while the front of the interurban car was but little damaged. Both vehicles were proceeding at a low rate of speed.

\$100 SET AS AERIAL FARE

Regular Service to Start Between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 13.—One hundred dollars has been set as the fare between Los Angeles and San Francisco on an aerial transportation company that plans to inaugurate regular passenger service between here and the southern city Monday.

The Weather.

YESTERDAY'S Maximum temperature, 68 degrees; minimum, 46 degrees. TODAY'S—Fair; northwesterly winds.

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DAN MCCARTHY, 102, DEAD

Oldest Patient at State Hospital Passes at Salem.

SALEM, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—Daniel McCarthy, 102 years of age and the oldest patient at the state hospital here, died this afternoon. He was committed to the old Hawthorne institution in Portland in 1864 and remained there until 1882, when, with other patients, he was transferred to Salem. Nothing is known of McCarthy's early life, as the records of the Hawthorne institution were lost in a fire which destroyed the structure many years ago.

The Hawthorne institution was conducted by two Portland pioneer physicians and member of contract with the state to care for its insane. McCarthy had been in the state hospital for 52 years and based on the average per capita expense, had cost the commonwealth approximately \$10,500.

BRIDE, NOT STATE, WON

Senator Wise Goes From Hawaii on One Mission, Completes Another.

HONOLULU, T. H., May 13.—(Special.)—Senator Wise, a territorial senator and member of the commission that went to Washington from the island to seek statehood, is on the mainland at present arranging a tour for Hawaiian hula dancers. But that is incidental.

A commission did not get statehood but the senator obtained a bride, for he and Edith McDowell of Oklahoma City, a fiction and feature writer, were married recently. The two met in Washington when the commission from Hawaii visited the capital.

Senator Wise's first wife died over six months ago.

GRAZING FEE FIGHT FAILS

Legislative Rider on Agricultural Bill Goes Through.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Western members of the house lost their fight against a legislative rider to the agricultural appropriation bill, which they said would result in increased grazing fees on forest reserve lands.

By a vote of 148 to 134 the house instructed its conferees on the bill to insist on adoption of the original house provision, eliminated by senate, which would direct the agricultural department to make an appraisal of the value of the pasturage on the national forests, the basis of charges for grazing permits.

MARSHALL TALK ANTI-DRY

Vice-President Thinks Star Session Would Have Done Prohibition.

RICHMOND, Va., May 13.—Vice-President Marshall, in speaking today before the Virginia Bar association, declared that if national prohibition had been considered by the senate in secret session not 20 votes would have been cast for it.

He asserted that there should be less tinkering with the constitution and expressed the opinion that constitutional amendments had "brought a very large measure of evil to the republic."

FLOUR SOARS UP AGAIN

Another 50-Cent Rise Announced by Great Falls Millers.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., May 13.—Flour advanced 50 cents a barrel in Great Falls today, the wholesale price being \$15.50 per barrel, the highest since 1917, when the price was near \$18.

This is the second 50-cent rise announced by millers here since May 1.

