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## CLOTHING BOYCOTT KILLS HIGH PRICES

### Youth Refuses to "Doll Up" Any More.

## SILK SHIRTS UNPOPULAR

### Secretary Houston Says Pre-War Prices Are Impossible.

## FALL STOCKS GO SLOWLY

### Most Men Believed to Have Stocked Up for Winter and Spending Orgy Receives Setback.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 24.—Washington, having become fairly certain as to the outcome of the November election, is more interested just now in the apparent decline in the cost of living.

Reports reaching here from all of the large cities show that the reductions forecast by the federal reserve board and some other government authorities are already on the way. These reports have been received with such enthusiasm that Secretary of the Treasury Houston saw fit to issue a little warning today that the public must not expect to return to the pre-war prices.

Any return to the law living costs prior to the war, it is pointed out, would necessarily mean a return to the low wages of ante-bellum days when merchandise clerks worked for \$1 and \$2 a week in many instances, and \$12 a week was the standard rather than the exception in the case of trained stenographers in the most of the large cities.

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## HOOPER NOT CAUGHT BY BAIT COX OFFERS

### PROMISE OF CABINET PLACE IF ELECTED IS VAIN.

## Secretary of Which ex-Food Chief Is Part Owner Brands Nominee's Talk as "Cheap Clap-Trap."

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Herbert Hoover has not been caught by the bait held out to him by Mr. Cox. The strict day Mr. Cox told Californians that if elected he would invite Hoover into the cabinet. The answer to this was a hot editorial in the Washington Herald, of which Mr. Hoover is an owner, calling Cox's talk about inviting Hoover to the cabinet "cheap political clap-trap." The Herald suggested that Mr. Cox is playing politics like a ward heeler. It said: "Governor Cox, by the way, told his Californian audiences that he would invite Herbert Hoover, the noted Californian, to be a member of the Cox cabinet if the democratic nominee is successful in his bid for the presidency. Mr. Hoover is a republican. He was before the republican convention as an aspirant for the nomination for president. Mr. Hoover now is supporting the nomination of the conservative Senator Harding. Think of this cheap political clap-trap offered as bait for the people of California. But Governor Cox doubtless would be entirely willing and eager to put Will Hays in his cabinet, or Hiram Johnson and General Wood, or any other of the great republican leaders, if by making such pledges he could insure his election to the political office. Likely, he would even have promised to make Senator Watson secretary of state were he able, by such an agreement, to insure the vote of Indiana for the democratic national ticket. Governor Jimmy Cox is playing national politics after the manner of a heeler in the political ward of a city. The people of the United States are inclined to look with a good deal of skepticism upon the extravagance and acts of a candidate for public office in the process of his solicitation of votes, but they draw the line a little closer on a nominee for president than on a candidate for alderman or constable."

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## ACQUITTAL WON BY MRS. BJORKKLUND

### Jury in 8 Minutes Decides Murder Trial.

## DRAMATIC STORY RELATED

### Woman Declares Love Long Denied by Husband.

## SHOT AT SELF PICTURED

### Pretty Witness Says She Handed Farewell Note to Mate and Then Tried Suicide.

Eight minutes after the jurors had received their instructions from Circuit Judge Gatens yesterday afternoon in the trial of Mrs. Frankie Hart Bjorklund for the murder of her husband, August Bjorklund, May 21, 1920, they returned with a unanimous verdict of acquittal. A radiant smile from the young woman thanked them, as feminine friends and spectators in the courtroom rushed to her side, embracing and kissing her. The demonstration was fervent and plainly showed the degree to which the dramatic story of Mrs. Bjorklund on the witness stand had moved her auditors.

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## HARDING HOLDS LEAD IN STRAW BALLOT

### HEAVY REPUBLICAN VOTE IN SOUTH IS SURPRISE.

## Senator Continues to Outdistance Cox; Tennessee and Kentucky Support Heavy.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 24.—Harding continues to outdistance Cox in the nation-wide straw vote being taken by the Associated First National Pictures, Inc. One surprise has been the heavy vote cast for Harding in two states of the democratic solid south, Tennessee and Kentucky. A Boston theater audience gave Harding 88, Cox 27. In Vincennes, Ind., a normally democratic city, the theater audiences gave Harding 112, Cox 91. A Strand theater audience in New York city gave Harding 7040, Cox 4037. The straw ballot in Manhattan and Brooklyn motion picture houses yesterday showed Harding still running far ahead of Cox, the figures being 8267 to 3533 in Harding's favor. The total vote so far registered last night was: Harding 33,300, Cox 11,794, for the league 10,583.

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## 30,000 TROOPS TAKEN BY NORTHERN PACIFIC

### TWENTY TRIPS ARE MADE THROUGH WAR ZONE.

## Department Records Show Great Northern Also Made Envious Mark in Service.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 24.—Few Portlanders realized when viewing the trim liners, Great Northern and Northern Pacific on their Columbia river-California run, that these ships were to become in the hour of national necessity one of the greatest and most coveted assets of the nation. Records being permitted to be made public by the war department are proving this statement to be true. In fact, the Northern Pacific, one of the pair of ships, received the laurel for the best record of ships employed on the Atlantic during the United States' participation in the European war. Some of the startling figures just released follow: The Northern Pacific made 20 trips through the war zone during the period of the United States' participation in the European war, traveling 12,000 miles in ten months, and delivered in France 20,000 troops in the incredibly short period of eight months, terminating November 11, 1918. In addition to this splendid service in conveying troops to the fighting scenes of Europe, the officials declared that the Northern Pacific beat the great crack German liner Levantian, ex-Fatherland, by three hours in a 2300-mile race across the Atlantic from New York to Ambrose channel, and also did the other wonderful sailing stunt of making the world's record voyage to Europe and return in 12 days, one hour and 35 seconds.

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## COX'S \$5000 NOTE STIRS SUSPICION

### Hint Given That Debt May Be Campaign Gift.

## DAYTON COMPANY NAMED

### Committee Determines on Immediate Investigation.

## PAPERS ARE UNDER FIRE

### Republicans Declared to Control Legion Weekly and Democrats Stars and Stripes.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—An implied charge that Governor Cox received in 1918 a concealed campaign contribution of \$5000 from the Dayton (O.) Metal Products company today sent the senate campaign investigating committee off on a wholly new phase. On demand of democratic members of the committee immediate inquiry was ordered, although the Ohio state campaign, it was agreed, was outside the committee's jurisdiction. Officials of the Metal Products company and the City National bank of Dayton were called to appear tomorrow with any papers relating to the transaction involved. No direct charge was made. Citing as his authority an examiner of the house aircraft investigation committee, however, George B. Lockwood, editor of the National Republican, volunteered the statement as a "lead" which the committee might follow that a certain check drawn by the Metal Products company June 29, 1918, was to pay a "personal note of J. M. Cox."

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## ANOTHER BOOST GIVEN TO EXPRESS CHARGES

### AVERAGE INCREASE AMOUNTS TO 13.5 PER CENT.

## Companies Declare Cost of Operating Business Exceeds Revenue Received.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Further increase in express rates averaging 13.5 per cent were approved today by the interstate commerce commission. The increases which apply to class and commodity rates make a total increase of 26 per cent granted the express companies within the last few months. The express companies had asked for additional increases up to 15 per cent. The only exceptions made in the new rates are in the case of milk and cream shipments. For the first six months of this year the express companies lost approximately \$11,000,000, according to their report to the commission, which showed revenues of \$159,681,000 and operating expenses of \$170,681,000. During the first half of 1919, the companies reported revenues of \$132,708,000, and operating expenses of \$145,708,000. The percentage ratio of expenses to earnings for the comparative periods of the two years increased from 108 to 113 per cent approximately, the report said.

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## MAN KNOWN WHO FIXED 1919 SERIES

### Baseball Polluted, Says Jury Foreman.

## GAMBLING RING IS LOCATED

### World Title Offered for Sale at \$20,000.

## \$40,000 WON BY EX-STAR

### Present American League Race Being Probed and Sensational Evidence Found.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—H. H. Brigham, foreman of the Cook county grand jury investigating alleged baseball gambling, tonight told newspapermen that the name of the man who "fixed" the 1919 world's series for Cincinnati to win had been given to the grand jury. This man, Brigham stated, was a representative of a ring of gamblers who offered Chicago White Sox players money to throw games to the Cincinnati Reds. Replying to the charges made by "Rube" Benton, New York National league pitcher, Philip Hann, Cincinnati race track bookmaker, in an affidavit made public tonight, denied he had given Benton the names of White Sox players in connection with alleged "fixing" of the world's series. Hann declared he would present his testimony to the grand jury. He declared specifically that he had mentioned Eddie Cicotte and Claude Williams, White Sox pitchers, and Chick Gandil, first baseman, and "Blap" Felach, outfielder, in connection with reports of crookedness during the world's series, as Benton had said. Hann also swore he knew nothing of any attempt to bribe players to "throw" the world's series.

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Government experts hesitate to give any reason for the present tendency toward price declines, except in the case of the department of justice where it may be ascertained any day that Attorney-General Palmer did it. There is a very noticeable decline reported in clothing prices throughout the east, particularly in men's garments, while there is some reduction in women's apparel. This, it is said, is due more to the boycott practiced by the wearers of clothing than to any other factor. The difficulty of making the boycott effective for a long time, it is asserted, was the fact that the young men and women were looking for a husband and conversely the young man in pursuit of the girls, if not looking for a wife, could not see their way clear to economize.

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