

PLOT TO PENALIZE FARMERS CHARGED

Prices Declared Forced Down to Get Votes.

HOUSTON IS UNDER FIRE

Secretary Accused of Directing Coup to Procure Democratic Votes in East.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 8.—That the wheat growers and producers of some other farm products are being penalized by the Wilson administration in a last desperate appeal for votes in the large cities of the east is the charge which has been thundering into Washington in the last two days from the great wheat fields of the north-west.

Accompanying the charge is the demand made through members of congress representing the vast grain growing sections that President Wilson place an embargo on wheat importations from Canada, which are declared to be largely responsible for the panicky tumble of cereal prices in the last few days.

The political charge made by the farmers is directed specifically toward David F. Houston, secretary of the treasury and ex-secretary of agriculture, who is accused of directing the final coup to win democratic votes in the east at the expense of the western farmers.

Representatives of the farmers argue that the president can declare an embargo against Canadian wheat under the anti-dumping law passed by a democratic congress in 1915.

The further charge is made that the treasury department, through the federal reserve board, could have extended credits to the farmers to "ride them over," thus saving them from the terrific losses of the north and through competition with Canadian products now flooding all the markets of the great cities of the federal reserve board, in a statement today, denied the right of the board to make loans to the farmers to "ride them over," characterizing such transactions as "price-killing loans."

A high official of the treasury department also denied this afternoon that the embargo remedy sought by the northwest farmers could be reached through the anti-dumping law. Discussing the anti-dumping statute he expressed doubt that it was operative for any purpose. He said that it made no provision whatsoever for an embargo.

Criminal Intent Proof Necessary.

It provides, he said, merely that a fine or other penalty could be assessed upon proof of criminal intent as to bringing the shipments into this country for the purpose of hoarding the market. Also it would be necessary that the price asked in this country was less than for which the same article sold in the country where the shipment originated. The law he said, does not prohibit the landing and sale of such goods or products.

The same official said that it might be possible for the president to lay an embargo on wheat and certain other farm products from Canada under the war powers given by congress early in the year. He pointed out that the White House would care to invoke such powers at this late date.

Moreover, he said, the cause of the present crisis in the prices of farm products as viewed from the farmers' standpoint is not the Underwood law, passed only a short time before the war but rendered inoperative for many years by abnormal conditions which shut off all foreign trade, is just now beginning to get into the market.

The recent slump in the prices of wheat and flour has called renewed attention here to what is regarded as the jug-handled arrangement with Canada, relative to the reciprocal remission of customs duties on wheat, flour and wheat products.

Today, Canada is pouring free wheat into the market under the provisions of the Underwood tariff law. Efforts have been made by republicans to change this arrangement but have been defeated by the agencies of the Wilson administration.

Section 44, of the Underwood democratic tariff law provides that wheat imported into the United States shall pay an import duty of 10 cents a bushel and wheat flour shall pay a duty of 45 cents a barrel of 195 pounds while semolina and other wheat products shall pay a duty of 19 cents ad valorem, when coming from a country which imposes a duty on wheat products from the United States.

No Tariff Charged. When imported from a country which does not impose any duty on wheat and flour shipments from the United States, the wheat imported from that country comes in duty free.

The duty on Canadian wheat has been off and on several times during the last two years, according to G. W. Ashworth, chief of customs duties of the treasury department. Just at present, the duty is off. Canada has elected to take the duty off American wheat going into Canada and automatically the duty comes off wheat coming into the United States from Canada. This provision of the Underwood law makes it possible for Canada to take advantage of any given situation, by putting the duty on one moment and taking them down the next.

Those in Washington who know Secretary Houston will not, however, believe that he has any conscious part in any political plot as is charged, because of all administration officials he has shown the least partisan bias in discharging his duties.

On an average, 12 school houses and two college buildings are burned in America every week.

SCENES ON PORTLAND'S NEW ROSEWAY WHEN THE FIRST FLORAL UNITS WERE PLANTED.



NO-FIRE PARADE TODAY

PREVENTION WEEK TO CLOSE WITH BIG PROGRAMME.

Entertainment at Auditorium Tonight Will End Observance. Vaudeville Acts Stated.

Fire prevention week in Portland will close today with a parade in the afternoon and a programme at the public auditorium tonight.

Aaron Frank, chairman, yesterday declared the parade would be the largest and most spectacular fire prevention day parade ever formed in Portland.

FIRE CAUTION IS URGED

San Franciscoan Speaks Before Realty Board Men.

An exhortation to a high standard of citizenship which will place persons on the qui vive for the prevention of the heavy toll of fire loss, formed the keynote of the address delivered by J. H. Shively of San Francisco, at the luncheon of the Portland hotel yesterday noon.

"It is necessary for us to forget our habit of carelessness," he declared, "for it is that which more than any other factor which contributed to the annual fire loss."

"There are 5,000,000 matches lighted every day in the United States," said the speaker, "and that means that there are just that number of possible conflagrations."

T. H. Williams, chairman of fire prevention in the city, introduced the speaker, urged the need of "cleaning up" the Portland waterfront.

"The Portland waterfront as it now stands is a fire hazard," he declared. Mr. Williams reviewed the history of fire prevention in Portland and the insurance rates which had been reduced 20 per cent at a time, as a result.

Frank Branch Riley presented the cause of the Portland Symphony orchestra, telling what such an orchestra meant in the advertising of the city.

Plans of the Portland Vegetable Oil Mills company to establish a 100-ton mill here in the near future were outlined by H. H. Ward, one of the directors.

EXHIBIT TO BE TALKED

Committee on Proposed Electric Exposition in 1925 to Meet.

Electric power development possibilities will be discussed at a meeting of a committee of 25 tonight at 8 o'clock in room A, central library. The group was appointed by F. E. Beach, chairman of the Columbia Hydro-Electric league, and is intended to work toward the proposed electric exposition to be held in 1925 in Portland to celebrate the discovery of the electric magnet in 1825.

One Accident in Week Fatal.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—There was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending October 7, according to the report of the state industrial accident commission. The victim was Harry Lund, camp foreman, of Cocharan. Of the 561 accidents reported during the week, 427 were entitled to benefits under the workmen's compensation act, 23 were from firms and corporations that had rejected the law and 12 were from public utilities not subject to the provisions of the act.



Upper—Representatives of civic clubs setting out rose slips at Rose Center, East Fifty-sixth street and Sandy boulevard. Lower—Mayor Baker and Miss Elizabeth Hilton, representative of the Portland Ad club, giving a Caroline Testout her to care residence.

MISSING UNCLE SOUGHT

LONG BEACH MURDER VICTIM MAY BE VANCOUVER MAN.

Roy Swasey Declares Description of Body Tallies With That of Lost Relative.

Belief that the body of the unidentified man found near Long Beach, Cal., several weeks ago is that of his uncle, Roy Swasey of Vancouver, was expressed yesterday by the police detective bureau in a search for the missing uncle.

The uncle's name is John Swasey and he is 42 years old. His description tallies in every detail with the description of the man found slain near Long Beach.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Fred Williams, member of the Oregon public service commission, partially severed the index finger of his left hand while splitting wood at his home today. As a result of the injury Mr. Williams will be absent from his office considerably during the next two weeks.

TRUSTY FUGITIVE CAUGHT

Life-Termner Who Escaped From Indiana Prison Captured.

VALPARAISO, Ind., Oct. 8.—John Vaughn, life-term trusty sentenced 15 years ago for the murder of a little girl, and who disappeared from the penitentiary at Michigan City Monday, with Walter Young, 13 years old, was captured at Kouts, near here tonight. He did not resist arrest.

Young told the police Vaughn told him stories of the west and that he brought the prisoner a change of clothes so they would not attract attention after the escape. Vaughn was engineer at the prison pumping station and was watched very little.

SAW KILLS MILL WORKER

Mark Wood Is Victim of Accident in Round Valley.

BOISE, Idaho, October 8.—(Special.)—Mark Wood, sawyer at the Irving

FIRST SLIP PLANTED; ROSEWAY DEDICATED

Mayor Speaks at Sandy Boulevard Ceremony.

CIVIC CLUBS TAKE PART

Miss Elizabeth Hilton, Representing Ad Club, Co-operates in Initial Planting.

The first floral units in a three-mile project, to be known as the "Roseway," were nestled into the loam at East Fifty-sixth and Sandy boulevard yesterday afternoon, when a community celebration, sponsored by various civic clubs, was held to inaugurate this latest plan for the beautification of Portland. There in the central zone of the long strip of roses that are to be set out within the next few weeks, Mayor Baker, Miss Elizabeth Hilton, representative of the Portland Ad club, planted the first slip, with cameras snapping at them and motion picture men grinding industriously.

"We all should feel pride," said Mayor Baker, when he had tossed aside the gridded shovel of ceremony, "in having this avenue dedicated to the city as its official roseway. For it is the gateway to the Columbia river highway, and it is to be a lane of beauty, so that guests of ours may come to their homes with the word that they have seen the perfect entrance to the most beautiful thoroughfare in the world."

Here the mayor emphasized the more than minor importance of the roseway, as testifying to the city's right to an international reputation as the home of the regal flower. And he called attention to the co-operation and interest of the city administration, announcing that Commissioner Pier, in charge of parks, and C. P. Keyser, superintendent of parks, have outlined an ambitious programme of rose culture in the municipal rose gardens, to provide the 15,000 slips that to fringe the boulevard.

40,000 Slips Required. Forty thousand slips in all must be secured to complete the requisite number of satisfactory shrubs, and these are to be of two varieties—the Caroline Testout, official rose of Portland, and the winsome Dorothy Perkins.

At roseway center, when the first Testout had been planted, representatives of the several civic clubs, assisted by maids of the rose, each on behalf of some particular organization, set out similar slips, while the Washington high school band gave Rose City Park an impromptu concert. The following rose maids attended the ceremony and manned the camera battery with smiles:

Portland Ad club, the club that inaugurated the movement, represented by Miss Elizabeth Hilton, president of the council, Miss Marjorie Dana; Chamber of Commerce, Miss Virginia Edwards; Rose City Park, Miss Bernice Laidlaw; East Side Business Men's club, Miss Margaret Hall; Park Rose club, Miss Helen Rose; Rose society, Miss Lenore Blaesing; Realty board, Miss Viola Slaven; Progressive Men's club, Miss Muriel Burntrager; Royal Rosarians, Miss Dorothy band; Rose Festival association, Miss Catherine Royer; Kiwanis club, Miss Lucille Land; Rotary club, Miss Ida Stewart; and Woman's Advertising club, Miss Priscilla Chatten.

Programme Held at Scene.

The programme, which summoned at least 200 people, comprised the band concert, the rose planting, Mayor Baker's address, community singing led by Walter Jenkins, and an address by Dr. E. H. Pence. The committee on arrangements was as follows: W. R. Kirkpatrick, L. E. Williams, H. J. Blaesing, J. A. Currey, Charles P. Keyser, H. E. Weed, George Rauch, L. M. Lepper, J. M. Fisher, Ralph Robinson, Walter Jenkins, C. Pier and A. C. Eldridge. H. H. Haynes served as chairman of the rose day committee, with W. E. Conklin as director of ceremonies.

The roseway project will be hastened, and to completion, will stretch from East Sixteenth street, on Sandy boulevard, to East Eighty-second street, at the city boundary. Assurance has been given that citizens of Park Rose, the adjoining suburb, will continue the project along Sandy road in their community, a distance of two miles.

Highway Office Conference Set.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—George E. Halvorsen, Edward Schunke and J. Giesy, all aldermen, today were named by the city council to confer with the state highway commission concerning the leasing of the upper floor of the municipal building to the highway department during the next session of the legislature. Unless the highway department obtains quarters from the city this branch of the state government probably will be moved to Portland. It has been estimated that it will cost approximately \$1000 to make the city hall quarters suitable to house the state department.

Jones Boy Weds Jones Girl.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Bert O. Jones, 19 years old, and Miss Laundry Jones, 19, no relation, came from Grants Pass, Or., today to be married. Mr. Jones had the written consent of his parents, Mr.

Advertisement for H. Liebes & Co. featuring a 'Sale of Suits' for women and misses. The ad includes illustrations of two women in fashionable suits, one in a light-colored dress and the other in a darker, more structured suit. Text highlights 'The most phenomenal values in our history—new, high grade, fashionable suits for' and lists materials like 'Duetone, Veldyne, Tricotine, Velour, Duvet de Laine.' The price '\$59' is prominently displayed. The ad also mentions 'Charming Fur Trimmings Models' and 'Style—Ripple, semi-tailored long lines.'

and Mrs. G. W. Jones, so the license was issued. Glen Orestret, a friend in Portland, came over and acted as witness. This was the only marriage license issued today.

Logger Loses Leg.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—John Millen, employed in the logging camp of Potter & Chester, was struck by a rolling log while engaged in his duties at that camp yesterday. His left leg being crushed so badly that amputation was found to be necessary.

Marshland to Be Inspected.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, left today for Columbia county to inspect the Marshland drainage district. This district comprises about 1600 acres. Recently application was made to the state engineer to certify to bonds in

the sum of \$50,000 voted for the development of this project.

J. P. KEYES OF BEND DIES

Schools Closed as Tribute to Pioneer Central Oregon Lumberman.

BEND, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—J. P. Keyes, pioneer central Oregon lumberman, vice-president of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company and general manager of the company's local plant, died this morning of heart disease. He is survived by his widow and three children, all living in Bend. Funeral services will be held here Sunday. In honor of his memory the city schools were dismissed today, banks were closed and work at the mill of which he was manager for nearly five years was suspended.

Born in 1868 in Winona, Minn., Mr. Keyes attended the University of

Mechanical and was graduated as a mechanical engineer in 1892.

For several years Mr. Keyes was president of the Bend Commercial club, and was a director of that organization at the time of his death. He was a member of the Bend board of school directors, chairman of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, and was on the first directorate of the state chamber of commerce.

J.C. BAYER

Manufacturers of Fire Doors and Metal Fireproof Windows.

204 MARKET ST. Portland, Ore.

"They WORK while you sleep"

Advertisement for Pacific Fire Extinguisher Co. The ad features the company name in large, bold letters and includes the slogan 'Automatic Sprinkler Systems'. It states: 'We have the largest and most complete stock of Extinguishers, Chemical Engines, Hose Carts, Racks, Fire Department Supplies, Five-Gallon Non-Freeze Extinguishers, Newman's Watch Clocks, Approved Gasoline, Excelsior and Oily Waste Cans, First Aid Cabinets.' The ad also lists 'Discounts to Dealers—Distributors.' and provides the address: '502-3-4 Railway Exchange Bldg., Portland San Francisco Los Angeles Salt Lake City Seattle'.

Advertisement for Pacific States Fire Insurance Company. The ad features the company name in large, bold letters and includes the slogan 'INSURE in Your HOME Company'. It states: 'Pacific States Fire Insurance Company' and 'Eleventh at Alder'. At the bottom, it says: 'Assets Over One Million'.

Advertisement for Herbert Tareyton London Cigarettes. The ad features a large illustration of a man's face, likely the brand's mascot, and the text: 'There's something about them you'll like.' Below the illustration, it says: 'Twenty to the package' and 'Herbert Tareyton London Cigarettes'. At the bottom, it includes the text: 'Trade Mark' and 'Saw Kills Mill Worker'.