

## UNIONS TO GOUGE PUBLIC REVEALED

### Profiteers Exposed by Federal Trade Body.

### RENT AND FUEL CUTS ADVISED

### Retailers Are Blamed for Keeping Commodities Up.

### SUPPLY HELD CURTAILED

### Tendency Declared to Be to Bring About Uniform Prices at Artificially High Level.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—Legislation to eliminate unnecessary brokerage transactions, to facilitate a wide distribution of information on market conditions and strengthen the powers of the government in its price investigations was recommended by the Federal Trade commission in a report on the industrial situation, drawn up at the request of President Harding and made public to-night.

"Open-price associations," which operate within the laws to keep their respective members advised confidentially of one another's price schedules, were accused by the commission of contributing to the maintenance of unduly high retail prices.

### Cut in Living Held Needed.

"It was suggested that means must be found to reduce costs of necessities, such as fuel and housing, before other commodities can come back to normal."

"It should be said," the report continued, "that following the disordered condition of the world's affairs, a shrinkage in values is inevitable, and that normal conditions will be the more quickly restored if the producer, the laborer, the manufacturer, the jobber and the retailer will each share at once in the unavoidable loss, and furthermore any effort by any element to place its share of the common loss on the shoulders of others, and particularly on the consumer, but result in a continuation of the conditions under which the country is suffering."

### Retailers Are Criticized.

Declaring "cost of many commodities has not been reduced in accordance with the decline in raw materials, the commission gave its belief that "in general the movement toward the reduction of prices is retarded at the retailing stage, and that relief would be reflected back in increased production, which would reduce the production cost and relieve to some extent, at least, the check on the manufacturer and by increasing the demand for raw materials would react on the producer."

The report took note of the influence of foreign combinations of capital in determining the price of grain and added that among domestic combinations one of the newest was the "open-price association."

### Supply Held Curtailed.

Collection and public dissemination of statistical data might make the operation of such associations of benefit to the producer and consumer alike, it said, but unfortunately the tendency is to bring about uniform prices at an artificially high level by curtailing production or supply.

"A fundamental difficulty is that there is no complete information available with reference to the proper adjustment of manufacturers', wholesaler's and retailers' prices."

"The general causes of price inequalities and suggested remedies were summarized as follows:

**Prices Held Excessive.**

"Aside from the unfair methods of competition and aside from the important elements of transportation and credit, we are of the opinion that the following are among the principal causes:

"Excessive price of many basic commodities, prominent among which is coal, which vitally affects the cost of other commodities.

"Existence of the typical corporate monopolies, and in distinction, agreements in violation of the anti-trust laws as illustrated by the condition in another basic commodity, to-wit, lumber.

"Open price associations.

"Interference with the channels of trade by distributors' trade associations, particularly by activities tending to maintain an unnecessary number of inefficient, regular dealers while shutting out new dealers seeking to sell at lower prices, and especially co-operative purchasing and distributing organizations of consumers.

"Foreign combinations in the international market.

**Suggestion Is Made.**

"We suggest the following:

"Passage of a bill to meet judicial objections to the authority of this commission to continue its efforts to obtain and publish information respecting the ownership, production, distribution, costs, sales and profits in the basic industries more directly affecting the necessities of life.

" vigorous prosecutions under the anti-trust laws, including a closer

## FIRE IN PATTON HOME ROUTS OUT OLD FOLKS

### EXIT INTO RAIN IS MADE IN ORDERLY FASHION.

### Match, Flipped by Chance Into Waste Basket, Causes Flames but Damage Is Small.

Several old-timers were enjoying themselves in the library of the Patton home, 975 Michigan avenue, after supper last night. They were "chawin'" and smoking and playing checkers and swapping yarns. In the drawing room some of the old ladies were busy with their knitting. A match, flipped by chance into a waste basket, still blazing when they detected their pastimes for bed, for the old folks retire early.

About 7:15 smoke was smelled by the janitor, who quickly traced it to the library, sounded the house fire alarm and alerted the city fire department. There was quick exit of the old folks into the rain, but no confusion. They had been drilled in such a manner that everyone knew just what to do. The "youngsters" who could take care of themselves without assistance helped the more unfortunate to hobble out of the building. The old ladies were assisted out by inmates and attendants, and the stress of excitement failed to develop a single panicky soul. When check was taken after the department had extinguished the blaze no one was found to be injured.

Captain Day of the fire marshal's office said that the fire had evidently started in the waste basket and spread to the surrounding carpet and furniture. About \$150 damage resulted, including a number of ruined books. Engine company 24 responded to the call.

## GERMAN FUSION SOUGHT

### Austrian Demonstrations Held in Spite of Government.

VIENNA, April 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Despite disapproval of the government, demonstrations for fusion with Germany were held today. The meetings came as a climax to the agitation of the last three days following the entente ultimatum against the pacifistic movement. Enormous crowds gathered here under a cold rainfall and listened for hours to speeches. Afterwards the crowds paraded singing German songs and carrying red, black and yellow banners.

The demonstrators insisted on the early accomplishment of a union with Germany as the only salvation for Austria.

## AUTO UPSETS; ONE KILLED

### Man and Four Women Severely Hurt North of Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 17.—One man was killed, another man and four women severely injured and a fifth man slightly hurt early to-night when a crowded automobile, traveling at high speed, turned turtle on the north trunk highway eight miles north of Seattle.

The dead man is Lawrence Murphy and the injured are Lewis Hurwitz, Mrs. Lawrence Murphy, Miss Genevieve Hurwitz, Miss Annie Hurwitz, Miss Sylvia R. Bernan and Mrs. E. C. Smith, all of Seattle. Hurwitz was the most severely injured and physicians feared he would not live through the night.

## CAR AMUCK IN CURIO SHOP

### Front Broken in, Back Partition Moved by Seaside Machine.

SEASIDE, Or., April 17.—(Special.)—Mike Cryderman lost control of his automobile today, and the machine crashed into the Dunning Curio shop, corner of Second street and Broadway. The front doors were broken down and the car careened into the building, moving the back partition several inches.

The loss will amount to several hundred dollars.

No one was in the store at the time of the accident, although Mrs. Dunning, who resides in the rear of the building, was just preparing to open up the shop.

## ROBBERY VICTIM IS SLAIN

### Body of Retired Farmer, Face Crushed, Found in Seattle Hotel.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 17.—After his head had been swathed in a blanket to prevent outcry, Nels Peterson, a retired farmer, aged 56, was beaten to death and robbed in his room at a local hotel today. His body, with the lower part of his face smashed away by blows from an instrument not found by the police, was discovered by hotel employees. Peterson is known to have received a \$300 payment on his farm recently, but no money was found among his effects.

Police have no clue as to the identity of the assassin.

## GERMANY PUNISHING REDS

### Extraordinary Juries Are Imposing Heavy Sentences on Communists.

BERLIN, April 17.—(Special cable.)—The extraordinary juries, called to sit in the cases of the communists responsible for the recent uprising, have set a precedent by giving heavy sentences to those found guilty.

At Naumburg and Halberstadt the juries inflicted sentences of 20 years and life imprisonment, which ordinary juries had feared to do in such cases previously.

## FUNERAL TRAIN LEAVES EX-KAISER

### Wilhelm Goes With Body of Wife to Border.

### EX-RULER SOBS AT SERVICE

### Father and Sons in Full Prussian Guard Uniform.

### CREPE WORN ON HELMETS

### Procession Reaches Maarn in Darkness—Ex-Monarch Appears to Be Broken, as Party Departs.

DOORN, April 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Never was contrast between former glory and present humiliation more accentuated than when Wilhelm, the ex-Emperor, followed the body of his wife, Augusta Victoria, to the station at Maarn, where he entrusted the body of his faithful companion to his sons and friends to take back to the fatherland.

The ex-emperor and the ex-crown prince and other sons present were all attired in full uniform of the Prussian guard, their helmets crepe covered.

The funeral procession arrived at the station in darkness only broken by the light from a few lamps.

**Flowers Cover Huge Car.**

First came a huge car covered with flowers, followed by servants, who loaded the wreaths into the railway carriage. About ten minutes later the hearse arrived, flashing searchlights. It was draped with black cloth with white crosses border.

From the next automobile Chaplain Dryander alighted wearing black robes. Then came an automobile carrying the former emperor and his daughter Princess Victoria Louise, which drove to a shelter of shrub hiding it from view.

The ex-crown prince and Prince Adalbert walked briskly forward. Other members of the family alighted.

**Nobility Is Represented.**

Representatives of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, the dowager queen and the Prince Consort, together with representatives of the king of Spain and the king of Sweden and several Dutch officials closed the procession.

When all had collected around the coffin, the court chaplain, Dr. Dryander, delivered a brief oration. The coffin was then placed in the railway carriage, where Wilhelm, Frederick William and Princess Louise (Concluded on Page 3, Column 2.)

## OREGON FARM VALUES RISE \$300,000,000

### INCREASE FOR TEN-YEAR PERIOD SHOWN BY STATISTICS.

### Land, Buildings, Machinery and Livestock Are Included in Census Bureau Report.

The value of farm property in Oregon advanced nearly \$300,000,000 during the ten-year period from 1910 to 1920, according to a bulletin just issued by the United States bureau of census. These figures included increases in land values, buildings, machinery and livestock.

Buildings on farms during that period nearly doubled in value and a similar advance was shown in livestock. The value of implements and machinery used on the farm trebled in the same period, thus indicating a big advance in up-to-date methods among Oregon farmers.

The value of farm property in 1920 was shown to be \$1,818,559,751 compared to \$1,528,243,782 for 1910. The value of the various items going to make up farm property for the year 1920 was shown to have been: Land, \$588,242,049; buildings, \$85,971,325; implements and machinery, \$41,567,125; and livestock, \$101,779,342. The figures for the year 1910 were as follows: Land, \$411,886,102; buildings, \$43,880,207; implements and machinery, \$13,205,645; and livestock, \$101,779,342.

The number of farms in the state was shown to have increased from 45,802 to 50,206.

The report showed the vast possibilities for future agricultural development. Only 22.1 per cent of the land area of the state was in farms, and of the land in farms but 26.3 per cent was improved. The average acreage on each farm was shown to be 268.7 and the average improved acreage on each farm only 97.3.

No figures for the production of Oregon farms for the year 1920 were available, but the report gave the figures for the preceding year. The total value of all crops produced in the state in 1919 was \$121,894,832. This amount was divided among the following crops: Cereals, \$53,980,152; other grains and seeds, \$1,566,901; hay and forage, \$41,335,706; vegetables, \$11,762,494; fruits and nuts, \$20,375,412; and all other crops, \$2,565,974.

## ART TREASURE IS FOUND

### Belgian Painting Recovered in America, Says Searcher.

TULSA, Okla., April 17.—Rubens' "Descent from the Cross," styled by Charles W. Thurmond, who says he is a New York art connoisseur, as the most valuable painting in the world, and for which a world search has been conducted since it disappeared during the German invasion, was, Mr. Thurmond said, reclaimed by him here today for Belgium. He says he was commissioned by the Belgian government to make a search for the painting and added that it would be sent back to Belgium.

R. L. Bolin of Tulsa, an apprentice tool dresser, recently of the American expeditionary forces mounted police, brought the painting here with two others, having purchased it for a song at Baur, Germany, while serving abroad, he says.

## JURY PROBES RUM CASE

### Verdict Is That Jack Wallace Was Drowned Accidentally.

HOQUIAM, Wash., April 17.—A verdict of death by accidental drowning was returned today by the coroner's jury which investigated the death last Friday of Jack Wallace, alleged owner of launch 470-L, now in the custody of federal authorities, who said they found 100 cases of whisky aboard.

Testimony offered by Wallace's companions, John Santich, a Mexican of Marshall, Cal., and Robert Braid, sailors' union, San Francisco, was to the effect that the launch ran into a storm and Wallace, fearing the vessel would be wrecked on the rocks, donned a life preserver and jumped overboard.

## COLD WEATHER AIDS COAL MINE STRIKE

### LEADERS LEAVE LONDON TO GOVERNMENT'S CHAGRIN.

### Train Service Will Be Cut Down Further, and Fuel May Be Bought in America.

LONDON, April 17.—Sunday brought additional discomfort from the coal strike by wintry weather, with snow in some sections.

Leaders of the miners have left London, apparently much to the chagrin of the government, which had been hoping that, now the political question involved in the demand of the miners for a national pool had been disposed by the refusal of support by the Triple Alliance, it might be possible to get wage negotiations reopened.

The weather and the collapse of the threatened railway and transport strikes has retarded recruiting of volunteer forces in London.

Train services will be additionally curtailed during the coming week. The admiralty is preparing to bring coal from Nova Scotia and some big coal factors are preparing to import American coal.

A mass meeting of railway men in Carlisle today passed resolutions for a general railway strike unless just claims of the miners were adjusted by Friday.

## DR. KARL MUCK IN BERLIN

### Orchestra Reported Dying.

BERLIN, April 17.—(Special cable.) Dr. Karl Muck, formerly conductor of the Boston symphony orchestra, is here. His wife is lying in a Berlin hospital.

Dr. Muck refused to let his orchestra play the "Star-Spangled Banner" soon after the United States entered the world war. He was interned as an alien enemy in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., and was permitted to return to Europe after the armistice.

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## RIFLE PRACTICE IS DENIED

"We were not at rifle practice on the day of the accident," he said, "a skeleton regiment had been formed and it was to be a practice march. Owing to a change in officers, I, who was commanding company D, was marching at the head of the column with company A. Owing to a machine gun outfit practicing nearby, our plans were changed and we took a different route."

"When we came upon Major Cronkhitte and Sergeant Pothier, I halted the column I was commanding, about 40 yards away. Apparently Major Cronkhitte was practicing with his pistol on a tobacco can; and I walked up, and on the third shot, he said to me, 'I got it Rosy.' And a second later: 'My God, I'm shot!'"

## WOUND HELD NOT SUSPECTED

Rosenbluth said he gave orders for the physician to come forward and others who understood artificial respiration, as they all thought he was suffering from heart attack, until a bugler discovered the wound.

"Not a breath of suspicion," he said, "was raised during the remaining two and a half months I remained in the army and during that time my company won the highest honors in the regiment in being made flag company. It was through the influence of Major Cronkhitte that I was transferred from Camp Forrest to Camp Lewis with him."

## JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FIRED

Rosenbluth said he had received a letter from F. B. Turner of Pancocks, Fla., an ex-sergeant, who, other than Rosenbluth and Pothier, was said to be nearest Major Cronkhitte at the time of the shooting.

Turner attached a sworn affidavit, saying: "I heard 'Rosy' from any other direction than those fired by the major."

J. J. Goldstein, Rosenbluth's attorney, flayed the department of justice, saying:

"They are looking for someone to put the blame on and shoot care who it is. Rosenbluth has nothing to fear, as he is innocent."

## RUMOR NAMES GLENNON

### St. Louis Prelate May Succeed Gibbons as Cardinal.

ROME, April 17.—According to reports at the Vatican, the Most Rev. John Joseph Glennon, archbishop of St. Louis, is the prelate most likely to succeed the late Cardinal Gibbons as archbishop of Baltimore.

## ORDER TO MURDER DENIED BY CAPTAIN

### Plot Charge in Shooting of Major Held Pending.

### SERGEANT IS CONTRADICTED

### Rosenbluth Says He Had No Hand in Cronkhitte Death.

### OWN VERSION IS GIVEN

### Ex-Officer Says He Had Charge of Column Which Was Nearly When Victim Was Wounded.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Denial that he was connected with the shooting and killing of Major Alexander Cronkhitte at Camp Lewis, Tacoma, two and a half years ago, was made today by Robert Rosenbluth, formerly a captain in the army engineer corps.

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## 1000 IRISH LEAVE ERIN

### Emigrants Embark at Queenstown for United States.

DUBLIN, April 17.—Nearly 1000 Irish emigrants embarked at Queenstown yesterday and today. They took passage for the United States.

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## IRISH REPUBLICANS SLAY FIRST WOMAN

### VICTIM TAKEN FROM HOME AND SHOT TO DEATH.

DUBLIN, April 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—First execution of a woman in the strife in Ireland was announced today. She was taken from her home in the Scottstown district of Monaghan today and shot and killed on the bank of the river.

The woman, who was Kitty MacCarron, belonged to the farming class. Kitty MacCarron, who was about 45, lived with her parents, octogenarians, in a mountainous district. About midnight a party of masked men entered the house. The victim struggled, but the assassins fastened her hands behind her back and led her pleading piteously down a lane, where the body was found with a bullet wound through the cheek.

A card was inscribed: "Spies and informers beware. Tried, convicted and executed by the Irish republican army."

Two constables were dangerously wounded today at Ballina, after which armed forces went through the streets firing bombs and shooting.

A bomb attack was made on a motor car containing auxiliaries Saturday night on North Quay, Dublin. Three attackers fell.

In an attack on a public house at Ennis Saturday night a soldier was killed and two women wounded.

## RANCH SELLS FOR \$25,000

### Guy Connor and Porter J. Neff of Medford Make Purchases.

MEDFORD, Or., April 17.—(Special.)—Announcement has been made that Guy Connor and Porter J. Neff of Medford have purchased of the Conner Land company the property at Table Rock, near here, formerly leased and occupied by Major J. A. French. The price was \$25,000. The property consists of 230 acres, of which 130 are in cultivation, largely alfalfa and grain, with a fine building site where the elaborate home of Major French burned last Christmas. There is a ranch house, silos, implement sheds and hog pens, and the land is under the new Table Rock Irrigation ditch.

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## Prune Crowned Willamette King

### Blossom Day Attracts 8000 to Salem.

DUBLIN, April 17.—(Special.)—The lowly prune, for many years past the target of unkind insinuations, belittled and ridiculed by the pig-towled jester and sometimes an eyecore to the boarding-house frequenter, today took its place among royalty and was proclaimed the king of Willamette valley orchard products.

The ceremony, while lacking much of the pomp and artificial splendor that might have been anticipated on such an auspicious occasion, was beautiful and appropriate, and proved conclusively that the prune was destined to live and enjoy a long life of financial and social usefulness.

**Blossom Day Observed.**

Today was blossom day in the Willamette valley. With semi-cloudless skies, a brilliant sun at intervals, and the orchards togged out in their prettiest Sunday attire, the setting could not have been more beautiful.

It was an occasion rich in nature's colors, with trimmings of green for a background and towering and rugged mountains in the distance beckoning the visitor to come forth and pay homage to all of God's handiwork that makes life worth living.

Some famous author, inspired by foreign travels, once wrote that Italy was the preferred garden spot of all outdoors. Perhaps this intellectual personage, had he visited Oregon, would have penned an even more elaborate picture of nature's legacy.

**Willamette is Challenged.**

The Willamette valley, befriended by its creator and heir to all of nature's beauties that combine for scenic supremacy, today challenged the world to produce a more picturesque setting.

Today Marion county revels in nature's flower beds, and when the shadows of darkness fell over the valley tonight the people turned homeward praising the beauties and hospitality of this vicinity and proclaiming Salem an honest-to-goodness home city.

Not to be outdone by nature's advantages, the Salem Cherrians sallied forth attired in their attractive cream-colored suits with tulip blossoms in lapel.

**Autos Meet Visitors.**

As the incoming trains arrived the visitors were ushered into waiting automobiles and taken to the Liberty district. There the guests took positions on the sidewalks, elevations where they viewed with appreciation Oregon's favored spot, The white canopy of blossoms, the rays of a perfect sun, scurrying waters of nearby streams and an abundance of greenery in the background combined to provide a picture that will never be forgotten.

Other cars, with their human cargo, climbed the rugged and narrow paths leading from the main highways to the summit of the Polk county hills. There, in either direction and without the aid of a glass, the guests looked down upon the resourceful valleys, here and there caught a glimpse of some canyon rivulet and fields and forest just taking on their summer dress.

**Oregon Is Good Enough.**

"Why Italy or any other foreign land?" queried a Portland visitor as he removed his hat and peered into space over a valley endowed with the grandest that nature affords. "Oregon is good enough for me, and I am more than ever convinced that every American should see America first."

The guests then were taken to the cherry sections, and in returning to the city a brief stop was made at the Dibble & Franklin bulb farm. Here each guest received a tulip blossom in appreciation of his or her visit.

Although this farm is in its infancy it was said to be one of the best in the United States and its trade extends to all parts of the world.

At this farm the tulips were in full bloom and the many colors, each distinct and perfect in its making, blended in the sun's rays a picture of unusual grandeur.

On returning to Salem the guests were taken to Wilson park where they were entertained at a band concert. This was followed by trips to the state institutions and other places of interest in this vicinity. At the state hospital the spacious lawns were a veritable border of flowers, which added considerable to the pleasure of the visitors. At each of the institutions visited, the guests commended the superintendents and assistants and pronounced the state's premises in good hands.

Chas. L. Knorr, secretary of state, (Concluded on Page 2, Column 3.)

