

WESTERN GOVERNORS NEEDED AT CAPITAL

Foes of McNary Bill Reported Active.

RECLAMATION AID FOUGHT

Governor Hart Now at Capital and Others are Expected Soon to Boost for Irrigation.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., May 11.—Governor Hart of Washington arrived here today as the vanguard of the army of western governors which is to march upon Washington in a few days in the interest of the McNary \$350,000,000 reclamation bill.

The other western executives are understood to have mobilized in Denver, planning to reach here Friday or Saturday. Only a short time ago there was some disposition here among advocates of the McNary bill to frown on the scheme for bringing the governors here, the programme apparently having been framed in the west without consulting either Senator McNary, Representative Smith of Idaho, or those who have been aiding them here in preparing the measure.

Cordial Welcome Assured. The atmosphere, however, has changed within the last few days and the governors will receive a cordial welcome. Plans will be arranged in the next day or two to present the governors at the White House, possibly Monday. This part of the programme is in the hands of E. F. Blaine of Seattle, William Spry, commissioner of the general land office, and W. B. Dodson, manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dodson has been commissioned to represent Governor Olcott of Oregon at the White House conference.

The reason for the change of attitude toward the McNary bill is the realization that mysterious influences have been at work here for several days with a view to unsettling the entire programme of western reclamation by federal aid. Some one, it has been discovered, has been actively promoting the propaganda in high places that the west will develop more rapidly if the irrigation of arid lands is left to private capital.

It is said that some high officials of this administration have been impressed with that view and are ready to ask the president to withhold his approval of any sort of government aid to reclamation. It has been understood all along that the president would put the power of his administration behind the McNary bill, but to make sure that the opponents of the scheme do not prove overbearing, friends of the measure will welcome any sort of help from the west, whether it be from governors, newspapers, commercial organizations or private citizens.

A conference will be held tomorrow by Senator McNary, Representative Smith, Commissioner Spry, Mr. Blaine and Mr. Dodson to arrange for taking the governors to the White House. It is also probable that the executives will be asked to appear before the senate committee on irrigation, which is considering the McNary bill.

PARENTS, TEACHERS MEET

OREGON ASSOCIATION IN SESSION AT PENDLETON.

Oregon and Washington Speakers on Programme; President's Dinner to Be Feature.

PENDLETON, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—With 100 delegates from all parts of the state in attendance, the 15th annual convention of the Oregon Parent-Teacher association opened here tonight with a reception in the library club rooms.

Business sessions will start tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock and extend throughout the day and evening. Friday will be a busy day, with election of officers and the adoption of resolutions taking a prominent part on the programme.

Among the speakers at tomorrow's sessions will be Miss Helen Cowgill of Oregon Agricultural college, Roy W. Ritter, president of the Oregon senate; John E. Grata, Mrs. Josephine C. Preston, superintendent of public instruction of Washington, and Mrs. Millie Trumbull of Portland. A social event of tomorrow will be the presidents' dinner, at which each president, or her representative, will give a three-minute report from her association.

WALLA WALLA SESSION ON

Preliminary Conference Held Before State Convention.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)—Officers and members of the executive committee and board of managers of the parent-teacher association met here today in conference preliminary to the state convention, which opens tomorrow morning. Mrs. C. Arthur Varney of Yakima, state president, arrived last night by automobile. The convention will last three days, and on Saturday will be visited by the Oregon state convention, which meets in Pendleton.

SOUTHERN CUT OPPOSED

HILLIES WOULD KEEP REPUBLICAN DELEGATION.

New Plan for Representation at Next Convention Proposed by National Committeeman.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Charles D. Hillies, republican national committeeman from New York, today voiced his opposition to any effort to revise downward the south's representation at the national convention in 1924—subject to be considered when the committee meets in Washington on June 8.

He also proposed a new plan for representation at the convention, based on increasing the number of delegates from republican strongholds, but maintaining the present representation from southern states.

In which the party is in an amiable condition would not benefit from the proposed new rule. The advantages of the plan are that the great republican districts would become more potent in the councils of the party, that we would obviate the claim that the south is to be too much represented, for manifestly the influence of the north and west will be increased without giving offense and without retarding the growth of the republican sentiment in any state; and it will be possible for the party to recognize the desire and the right of women to participate in the convention.

"In many districts it is most difficult to induce men who are candidates for delegates to retire in favor of women. This is true in districts where men are in the forefront have acquired the habit of attending conventions and have become effective spokesmen."

"As the women advance in the mastery of practical politics and of statecraft, they will be entitled to participate actively in conventions and only by enlarging our numbers can we make their participation three years hence practically possible."

He declared any action seeking to reduce southern representation would create a greater disparity between the number of delegates from republican strongholds and those from states where republicanism seems hopeless.

NAVAL BILL FIGHT LOOMS

SENATE TO TAKE UP APPROPRIATION MEASURE TODAY.

Way Likely to Be Paved for Borah to Request Call for Disarmament Conference.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—The naval appropriation bill is to be taken up by the senate tomorrow, paving the way for the expected fight over the proposal of Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, to request the president to call a disarmament conference between the United States, Great Britain and Japan.

After passage of the emergency tariff bill last night, the senate gave the right of way to the navy measure, which carries \$496,000,000 as amended by the senate naval committee, an increase of \$100,000,000 over the appropriation voted by the house.

The Borah amendment under senate rules will not be in order until after the disarmament conference has been disposed of. The disarmament conference plan to oppose many of the increases reported to the senate. Among the first expected to arouse controversy are those increasing navy personnel from 100,000 to 120,000 men, and the authorization to begin work on new Pacific coast bases.

FARMERS VOTE TO POOL

GROWERS AT SPOKANE CONFERENCE TOGETHER.

Differences of Opinion Arise as to Legality of Abolishing Present Sales Agency.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 11.—About 150 wheat growers of Washington and northern Idaho conferring here today with representatives of the United Grain Growers, Inc., voted unanimously today in favor of compulsory pooling of wheat for marketing.

Sharp verbal encounters between George Jewett, president of the Washington Wheat Growers' association, and A. R. Shumway, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers' association, concerning the legality and propriety of abolishing the Northwest Wheat Growers' association as the sales agency of the wheat growers' associations of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, featured the meeting today to bring about amalgamation of the northwest and national grain growers' organizations.

The meeting was attended by J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau federation; J. S. Burdick and W. R. Schilling, representatives of the United Grain Growers, Inc., and nearly 100 grain growers representing various farm organizations of Washington.

Mr. Shumway declared he was favorable to amalgamation of the organizations, but questioned the right of the directors finally to pass upon the matter, contending that the entire membership should have an opportunity to vote.

WARD POLITICIAN SHOT

Wounded Man Gives Clew That May Revolve Political Feud.

CHICAGO, May 11.—Anthony D'Andrea, 19th ward politician, who was shot and wounded probably fatally today at the entrance to his home, was said to have given information later to the state's attorney's office which may lead to the arrest of his assailant.

That the attack on D'Andrea was not unexpected by him was indicated by the fact that he had been in the ago occupants of the apartment building in which the D'Andrea family reside and from which the shots were fired, received a warning to move. This warning was in the form of a letter signed "The avengers" and stated that the building was to be bombed.

The shooting of D'Andrea, who was in a critical condition, was linked with associations and houses owned by him, and the police on a political feud in the 19th ward.

QUAKERS MORE TOLERANT

Fight on Certain Amusements Is Left to Individuals.

PHILADELPHIA, May 11.—Hickite Quakers, both men and women, today eliminated from the "Book of Rules of Moral Conduct" specific reference to dancing, card playing and movies, against which the sect has fought from time immemorial.

The words were supplanted by the term "doubtful diversions," to which it was agreed that the individual conscience is left to the individual conscience.

Petticoat Regime Continued.

JACKSON, Wyo., May 11.—The all-woman government of this city was reinstated by the election held yesterday by a good sized majority. Mrs. Grace G. Miller was re-elected mayor. Miss Pearl Williams will be re-appointed town marshal. Mayoresse Miller announced, and no man will have any say in the affairs of local government for at least another year.

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LABOR WANTS TAX ON LUXURIES KEPT

Opposition to Sales Tax Is Announced by Council.

CARE FOR IDLE ASKED

Officials Believe That Repeal of Present System Will Shift Burden to Workingmen.

CINCINNATI, O., May 11.—The American Federation of Labor will oppose any attempt to repeal the system of excise or "luxury" tax and substitute a sales tax, it was declared today by the executive council of the federation.

The council, it is understood, regards any effort to substitute a sales tax for the excise tax as an attempt to shift the burden of taxation from capital to labor. Officials explained that organized labor believes that the present system is more equitable. It is believed that the sales tax would not only place the burden of taxation on the workers, but would add to the cost of living.

With the excise or luxury tax repealed, labor officials said, the manufacturer, merchant and other big interests would have a renewed opportunity to profiteer.

Care for Idle Wanted.

The stand of the executive council will be incorporated in the council's report to the annual convention at Denver.

A delegation from the International Brotherhood of Welfare association, headed by James Eads How of St. Louis, today asked that the council take steps to urge on congress the necessity of taking care of the unemployed. He said he was especially interested in the welfare of the hoboes. Mr. How, who estimated there were between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 unemployed in the United States, said he told the council that this was the "opportunity time to bring the attention of the new administration to a demand for a constructive programme for the unemployed."

President Compton said that the council had heard Mr. How but had not promised to consider his proposals and suggestions. Other labor leaders said that the federation was already dealing with the unemployed problem.

Kansas Law Attacked.

The council also decided to carry on the fight to obtain repeal of the Kansas court of industrial relations law. The council has condemned the bill as an act establishing "involuntary servitude for the workers of Kansas" and a "protection for the interests of the owners of public utilities and all industries at the expense of the employees."

The Kansas court also is declared to be a "relic of legislation of the 15th century that establishes autocracy in industry by law."

Besides being a violation of the 15th amendment, the court is also condemned as an "un-American and anti-American institution."

The council also will urge that the federation take steps to have an anti-strike and anti-labor legislation repealed, and renew its drive to prevent passage of further anti-labor legislation in the states. Renewed efforts also will be authorized to prevent congress from enacting further anti-labor legislation.

PEARLS STARTLE SOCIETY

"Cultured" Japanese Gems Disquiet Merchants in London.

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LONDON, May 11.—London's society queens, pearl merchants and "uncles" were smitten with a common panic today as the result of the discovery that "cultured" Japanese pearls have found their way into the London market. It is even said they had been selling at a higher price than the real pearls, which they resemble in almost every respect.

Consequently fair possessors of priceless necklaces are extremely agitated over the possibility that their strings of pearls may denote "tone" and wealth since they are becoming so common. The pearl merchants fear the introduction of the "cultured" gems will knock at the bottom, temporarily at least, out of the pearl market. And the "uncles" are shuddering because they may have loaned large sums of money that may turn out to be "cultured."

One jewelry expert said today there has been no such panic in the gem trade since the appearance of synthetic rubies some years ago. Up to the present, he said, the only certain way to distinguish a "cultured" pearl from the real is to chop it in two. "And who wants to take a chance of cutting open his pearls? They might be real," he added.

BERKELEY FINISHES 1651

Degrees Awarded Largest University Class in World.

BERKELEY, Cal., May 11.—Sixteen hundred and fifty-one seniors, comprising the largest class ever graduated from any university in the world, received their degrees today at the annual commencement exercises of the University of California in the Greek theater today.

David P. Barrows, president of the university, delivered the commencement address and awarded the degrees and honors.

DUPEL, DECLARES GUARD

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delphia chewing tobacco and without saying a word.

He told of various moves, up to the moment when Bergdoll walked into a bathroom to answer the telephone. He was never seen after that, and the sergeant said he did not know how he got out. Except for that moment, he declared, the prisoner was never out of his sight.

Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, mother of the draft evader, and James Romig, who was sent to Washington to get \$100,000 in gold from the treasury, were at the Bergdoll home all the time, O'Hare said. When not shooting pool or reciting Shakespeare, he was working about perfectly at ease, he said.

Bottle of Gin Appears. When Mrs. Bergdoll learned that her son had gone, she was greatly excited, said O'Hare. The woman and Romig, he added, tried to persuade him not to worry, assuring him that Bergdoll would be back. As the bottle of gin mysteriously appeared, O'Hare testified, but he did not touch it, as he had not taken a drink in 21 years. York, however, drank some,

but was warned by O'Hare to let it alone.

Tears filled the eyes of the sergeant as he told of his return to the island, empty handed, with barely enough money to pay his fare, and of his plea that he be permitted to tell his wife of his misfortune before being locked up. He was tried later by court-martial and acquitted.

Reiterated charges that Colonel John F. Hunt, commanding the disciplinary barracks at Governors' Island, was "whitewashed" by a military court-martial in connection with the escape of Grover C. Bergdoll, draft dodger, were made by Representative Johnson, democrat, Kentucky.

Hunt's Promotion Cited.

"I purpose to prove this by the report," Mr. Johnson said after the record of the court-martial was admitted to the committee testimony with the approval of Colonel Hunt, who was again on the stand.

"The judge advocate (of the court) was no friend of mine," Colonel Hunt said, "and he prosecuted the case vigorously."

There was a sharp cross-fire on the point that Hunt had been promoted while charges against him were pending, but the witness insisted he was promoted by the usual operation of military law. Mr. Johnson inquired if announcement of the promotion in the midst of the trial was made to influence the court.

"I am certain it was not made for that purpose," Hunt replied.

MERE MAN PUT ON BACK

LAWYERS BIASED AGAINST WOMEN, SAYS LADY ASTOR.

Amusing Speech Made in Support of Bill to Make Mother Joint Guardian With Father.

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LONDON, May 11.—Lady Astor entertained the house of commons recently with an amusing speech in support of the bill making a mother joint guardian with the father of their children and giving her equal rights authority and responsibility regarding the children. She began by saying all members favored the bill have "a few glaring and notorious exceptions."

"It's the most extraordinary thing," she said, "that mothers have no legal right over their children, and it's amazing how few mothers know this. At marriage, men are apt to make very alluring promises—and she quoted from Jeremiah: 'The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.' Here several members shouted: 'The masculine heart!'"

"Oh, no, both," replied Lady Astor. "I'll grant you that. Women make promises and tries to keep them, but poor man is not even compelled by law to keep his. The law has been made by men for men and I think it's quite natural that the law should be slightly biased on the father's side. It is said that in marriage there must be one parent who rules. Well, that's good enough for Turks, but not for Anglo-Saxons. The whole feeling of the younger generation is changing in favor of equal partnership in marriage. I know this is a little difficult for some members of parliament to realize, but perhaps they have lived in the east."

"When the husband knows that his wife can get exactly the same consideration as he in court he will be all the more anxious to come to a reasonable agreement at home. This bill does not deal with ordinary good husbands and wives, like ourselves, but with our erring brothers. The government has made many promises to women in this matter."

Here the labor party leader, Adamson, cheered, whereupon Lady Astor continued:

"Your party, too, has given many promises which it has not kept. I have not a word against my labor colleagues, but I know as well as they that some of the most anti-feminist men are to be found in their ranks. But there are men in all parties whose only service to women is talk."

UNCLE TOM AT HEILIG

Street Parade Daily Will Feature Production of State Classic.

An expression peculiar to the theatrical world is the one applied to a select class of actors and actresses, men and women who have grown up in the business of playing the various roles in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," the classic of the American stage. These players are called "Tom Players," and they seldom venture into other fields of stage endeavor.

H. T. Greene, who is producer of the Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which opens tonight at the Heilig, experienced no difficulty in obtaining trained people to make up his company when he decided to revive the old favorite for the present tour. The production coming here contains all the "trimmings"—a band of negro entertainers, who lend realism to plantation scenes; a pack of bloodhounds, and realistic settings. There will be a special matinee on Saturday. The bill will be a street parade every day.

ODDFELLOWS TO VISIT

400 Are Expected in Corvallis on Tuesday, May 17.

CORVALLIS, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—Oddfellows to the number of 400 are expected to be in Corvallis Tuesday, May 17. They will come from all over the state to attend the annual convention at Albany, and are expected to take the opportunity to come to Corvallis for a day to see the city's golf links and inspect the college.

A military drill will be given for their benefit by the college cadets and a lawn dinner served by Corvallis people. Several of the Oddfellows have been engaged to escort the visitors about town and back to their convention.

Holland Replies to Oil Note.

THE HAGUE, May 11.—Holland's reply to the American note concerning the Djambi oil fields in Sumatra was sent to Washington Tuesday. The minister of foreign affairs, answering a question in parliament today, denied Holland had received in 1914 a note from the United States regarding the East Indies oil fields.

Beaver Skin Possessor Fined.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)—Fred Cliffe, Humptulps fisherman, arrested last week by Game Warden Winslow, yesterday was fined in court here \$10 for each of the five beaver skins he had in his possession at the time of his arrest. This is the first game law violation case to come before an Aberdeen justice since the revised game laws went into effect.

Medford Hears Edwin Markham.

MEDFORD, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—Before a large audience Edwin Markham, the famous Oregon native poet and author of the "The Man with the Hoe," gave his second lecture in this state last night. The first was given in Ashland on Monday night.

Elma Home Looted.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)—Thieves last night entered the house in Elma formerly occupied by Miss Isabella McCollum, who died last week in an Aberdeen hospital, and rifled it of a large amount of personal property.



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