

## HALL CONTESTS OLCOTT VICTORY

Plurality of 4123 Votes in Primary Claimed.

## ELECTION BOARDS BLAMED

Errors in Ballots and in Counting Charged.

## PAPERS SENT TO SALEM

Public Defense League Petition Is to Be Filed in County Where Governor Resides.

Charles Hall of Marshfield yesterday, through R. Coster, secretary of the public defense league, filed a petition in Marion county, contesting the Republican nomination of Ben W. Olcott, for governor.

According to the petition, which was very long and filled with detail, the allegation is made that Hall actually received 4123 votes more than Olcott, although the official canvass by the secretary of state gave Olcott a lead of 521.

In the petition the assertion was set forth that Hall received a total of 44,824 and Olcott 40,701.

The differences between the official figures and those claimed in the petition were explained by allegations that there were miscounts of ballots, where Olcott was credited with more votes than he received; that Democrats wrote Olcott's name on their ballot and that these votes were erroneously counted for Olcott; that Democrats and others were permitted to re-register illegally on election day and vote; that illegal votes were cast by voters who were not citizens, and that votes for Hall were rejected erroneously.

**Election Officials Blamed.**

All of these mistakes of fact and law were laid at the doors of the judges and clerks of election in about 1900 of the total number of precincts in the state.

Judging from the petition the fault rests entirely with election boards. No charge of fraud was alleged except in a very few precincts in Multnomah and Marion counties.

The attorneys backing the contest admit that if an election board counted votes for Olcott on the democratic ballots they probably did the same thing with regard to votes for Hall on the democratic ticket. However, no mention was made by the petition of the probable errors committed by the election boards which favored Hall.

**Many Mistakes Charged.**

The petition disclosed painstaking search of the election returns. The lawyers have found something in almost every county except Curry, Lane, Umatilla, Willamette, Tillamook and Yamhill. There have been much time and money expended accumulating the data on which the petition is based. The investigation bureau has been handled by Arthur Peck of Marshfield, who served as clerk to Hall in the state senate. The lawyers who have signed the petition are W. S. U'ren, Gus C. Moser and Collier & Collier, all of Portland, and Peck & Brand of Marshfield.

Finances for the contest are being supplied by the public defense league. Mr. Hall declined to give the name of the president of the league, but explained that Mr. Coster is the secretary and the contest was filed in Coster's name. Anyone can become a member of the league, explained Mr. Hall, by making a contribution. The league is composed largely of Hall's primary supporters.

When the last page of the petition was typed yesterday afternoon and the various lawyers attached their signatures, it was taken to Salem by Attorney Peck to file with the circuit court clerk. Marion county was selected because that county is the residence of Governor Olcott, and under the law the suit must be filed in the home county of the contestee.

Among other reasons assigned why a contest should be allowed is the charge in the petition that election boards in Multnomah county refused to allow Hall to be represented by challengers or watchers at the polls or at the counting of ballots, although legal voters appointed by Hall to represent him requested the boards to permit them to be in attendance.

**Illegal Voting Charged.**

"Because of such refusals," continues the prayer of the petitioner, "a large number of ballots were cast by persons who were not entitled to vote on the republican party ballot, and received by said boards of judges and clerks without a challenge and counted illegally, and that said illegal ballots were not marked for Charles Hall, but were marked and voted and counted for the contestee for the office of governor, and were erroneously read and counted for said contestee."

It was alleged that votes were erroneously counted for the contestee, in addition to what he was rightfully entitled, as follows:

Marion county, 42 precincts, 413

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## LEAGUE COMMITTEE FOR PEACE CONTRACT

LORD ROBERT CECIL'S PLAN WINS INDOREMENT.

Italians Fear That Greece Will Build More Ships If Agreements Are Extended.

BY LINCOLN EYRE.  
(Copyright, 1922, by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.)  
PARIS, July 5.—(Special cable.)—Lord Robert Cecil's proposed mutual protective association, by which nations would combine by contracts to maintain peace, was adopted this afternoon by the sub-committee of the league of nations' temporary mixed armaments commission.

The only opposition voiced was that of granting the demands of the representative of Sweden, who showed reluctance to commit his country to any alliance involving the potential use of its troops for the protection of another state. Lord Cecil finally gained the Swedish statesman's acceptance of his scheme in principle.

When reductions of armaments which is an obligatory appendage to the Cecil plan comes to be considered tomorrow, a heated controversy is expected. Ex-Premier Viviani, chairman of the commission, strongly opposes Lord Escher's project for fixation of the military ratio, which would have the effect of limiting the French army to 180,000 men. He also desires precise indications as to the extent of the armed forces each nation would be called on to supply to safeguard the integrity of any other nation on the same continent.

On the Italian side there is hesitation to accept all of the provisions of Admiral Seagraves' proposals for the extension of the Washington naval limitation accords to all states that were not represented at the Washington conference. Such an extension would authorize Greece to build two 35,000-ton battleships, and therefore the Italians fear it would stimulate the Athens government to do so.

## IMPORT TAXES RECORD

Customs Receipts for Fiscal Year Declared Greatest in History.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 5.—Generally improved business conditions in the country are reflected in increased customs receipts, the highest during the past fiscal year for 133 years, according to a statement issued tonight by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Dover, in charge of customs.

"The United States customs receipts for the fiscal year just ended," he said, "amount to \$356,443,387, which is an increase of \$48,418,285 over last year. The highest previous year in the history of the customs, covering 133 years, was 1910, when receipts amounted to \$328,025,445, so that the receipts for this year are nearly \$28,000,000 in excess of the largest previous year."

## 81 POUNDS LOST ON HIKE

2000-Mile Walk Proves Effective Weight-Reducer.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 5.—When Frank Meek of Danville, Ill., left that city for Los Angeles he weighed 305 pounds.

When he reached Los Angeles he weighed 224 pounds.

He walked all the way.

He declares he is the only man who ever walked across the Mojave desert without carrying a supply of water.

He says a cross-country hike beats Turkish baths and dieting as a weight reducer.

He had hoped to lose only 75 pounds when he started on the trip, but then there was the Mojave desert to cross.

He intended to start back to Danville immediately by train.

## BARGE IS BREAKING UP

800,000 Feet of Lumber on Wash-tuna Being Carried Off.

COOS BAY, Or., July 5.—(Special.)—The tug Sampson, which brought the barge Washutuna into Coos bay last night because unable to get into the Umpqua river, sailed this morning for Redwood at 6:30 with the barge in tow.

Reports this afternoon said that the barge Washutuna is going to pieces on the south spit of the Umpqua river, while her 800,000 feet of lumber is washing away.

## BLUEBEARD'S CAR PRIZED

Truck Used by Slayer of Ten Women Auctioned.

PARIS, July 5.—The little two-cylinder 20-year-old motor truck in which Henri Landru, the "Bluebeard of Gambais," executed last February, took his ten women victims out riding and in which he later hauled coal to burn their bodies, was sold at auction by the authorities today to a Paris plumber.

The buyer ran the price up from 50 to 1000 francs because he wanted the car as a souvenir.

## INSECTS EAT FOREST

Caterpillars Denude 50 Square Miles of Woods.

REGINA, Sask., July 5.—Caterpillars have eaten up 50 square miles of forest in the Kipling district near here.

Scarcely a green leaf remains, and the district presents the stark appearance of a winter scene, forestry officials say.

## IRISH REBELLION IS STAMPED OUT

Rebel Fortresses Taken, but in Flames.

## DE VALERA STILL MISSING

Insurgents Driven From Barricades by Bombs.

## RUIN IS WIDESPREAD

Rain of Lead Loosed on Free State Forces While Lower Parts of Buildings Burn.

DUBLIN, July 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The siege of the strongholds of the insurgent Irish force was virtually ended tonight with the surrender of small groups of the men who had been fighting for the last week behind the barricades and the capture of one of the principal leaders, Cathal Brugha, ex-minister of defense. But the success of the national cause has been purchased at the cost of blazing buildings and terrible destruction in O'Connell street, to say nothing of the loss of life and the many seriously wounded.

There is still no information as to the whereabouts of Eamon de Valera, who has apparently escaped from the free states' net.

In the later afternoon when ten buildings, including three hotels, were aflame, the remainder of the rebels, driven into the Granville hotel, with fire on all sides, still maintained a desperate resistance with automatics and rifles, but it was already seen that they could not long delay the inevitable end.

## Bombing Is Attempted

The final attack by the Free State troops began at midday after a lull, during which the firing slackened greatly. The regulars adopted the desperate plan of bombing the insurgents. One was hurled into Hammam's hotel and soon faint whispers of smoke crept from shattered windows, with suddenly a burst of flame in front, followed by dense volumes of smoke. The flames spread swiftly. In less than two hours three buildings were completely destroyed.

Still the battle raged, the defenders poured fusillades through the windows of both the Gresham and the Granville, while the national riflemen replied vigorously from armored cars.

Shortly after 1 o'clock an armored car took up a position opposite the Gresham and poured a hurricane of machine gunfire into the hotel windows. Smoke belched forth, quickly followed by a muffled explosion and tongues of flame from (Concluded on Page 3, Column 2.)

## ARMY PLANES IN FLIGHT

Four Army De Havillands on Way From South to Camp Lewis.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 5.—Four army De Havilland airplanes left here today en route to Camp Lewis, Washington, where they will be used in the instruction of students at the civilian military training camp.

Piloting the planes are Captain A. F. Herold, Lieutenant R. E. Seif, Lieutenant Warren A. Maxwell and Sergeant G. G. Gurle, all of Crissy field, Presidio.

## IT HASN'T BEEN SO HOT AND DRY RECENTLY AS WE THOUGHT IT WAS.



## POKY DRIVER RANKED WITH SPEED DEMONS

MINIMUM PACE FOR ROADS PROPOSED BY OFFICIAL.

Autolst Going Too Slowly Said to Provoke Other Persons to Take Unusual Risks.

SALEM, Or., July 5.—(Special.)—Proposed legislation looking to the regulation of the slow driver as well as the person who would drive his automobile at an excessive rate of speed probably will be sought at the next session of the legislature. This was announced here yesterday by T. A. Rafferty, chief inspector for the law enforcement bureau of the state motor vehicle department.

Mr. Rafferty said that the person who drives his automobile too slow on the state highway is a menace to traffic, in that he retards the speed of machines that may be following and cause the latter drivers to take chances that they otherwise would not attempt.

Although not wishing to encourage careless driving, Mr. Rafferty expressed the opinion that the laws regulating traffic on the state highway should set out a minimum as well as a maximum speed. Such a law, he said, would prove a great aid to the law-enforcement officers on the main roads. The maximum speed under the present law is 30 miles an hour.

## L. P. HOBART WINS \$5000

Hawaiian War Memorial Goes to San Francisco Architect.

HONOLULU, T. H., June 21.—(Special.)—Louis P. Hobart, eminent San Francisco architect, won the competition for the most appropriate design for the Hawaiian \$250,000 war memorial which is to take the form of a temple of music and a natorium at Waikiki beach near Kaplani park.

The award was made public last night by the judges, E. T. Lawrence of Portland, Or.; Bernard Mayhew of San Francisco and W. R. B. Wilcox of Seattle.

Second prize went to Albert Kelsey of Philadelphia and amounted to \$1000. The first prize was \$5000. Ripley, Davis & Fishbourne of Honolulu came third for a similar amount. Weeks & Day of San Francisco were fourth for \$500. Arthur Reynolds of Honolulu was fifth for a similar amount and Hart Wood of Honolulu was sixth for a like sum.

The design selected will have to undergo some alterations before it is used. The three judges sailed for the coast today. Bids for the construction of the memorial natorium will be called early in July.

## HAWLEY CONCERT TREAT

Francis Richter and His Select Orchestra Give Programme.

Radio fans who returned to their homes Tuesday evening from their concert at the opera house, were treated to a most interesting and varied programme of music.

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## RADIO PROGRAMME LASTS TWO HOURS

CONCERT OF ARTISTS IS DISTINCT TRIUMPH.

Erwyn Mutch, Baritone, Makes Final Public Appearance—23 Selections Broadcast.

For two hours last night radio listeners in Portland and in surrounding towns in every direction sat enthralled during one of the best concerts ever broadcast from The Oregonian tower, and every one of 23 selections on the programme was acclaimed and applauded as a distinct triumph.

It was the final public appearance of Erwyn Mutch, baritone, whose singing was more brilliant than ever before. With Mr. Mutch on the programme were Bernice Mathisen Bailey, violinist; Myrtle Campbell, pianist, and Wilford Keeler, operatic tenor. The concert was arranged by Erwyn Mutch, who leaves Portland shortly to continue his studies in New York city, and all accompaniments were played by Helen Van Houten, whose small part of the successful programme.

Not only radio listeners, but many of the most distinguished artists in the local musical world were on receiving sets and pronounced the concert a triumph in every way, and The Oregonian tower had the atmosphere of a theatrical green room with many equally distinguished visitors who accompanied the contributing artists.

The broadcasting, which was done by the shipowners' radio service, was perfect throughout, with the exception of a few moments when one of the transmitters packed and had to be changed. The number which was in progress at the time was repeated and the complete programme was given as scheduled.

Of the four artists Erwyn Mutch was the only one who had ever before sung in The Oregonian tower. Wilford Keeler, tenor, Bernice Mathisen Bailey, violinist, and Myrtle Anderson, pianist, being newly introduced. Each scored a distinct success and brought dozens of telephone calls into The Oregonian office thanking them individually and collectively.

The complete programme broadcast follows:

Tenor solo, Wilford Keeler, "Because"; violin solo, Bernice Mathisen Bailey, "Nocturne" (Chopin); baritone solo, Erwyn Mutch, "On the Road to Madagaj"; piano solo, Myrtle Anderson, "Valse Chromatique" (Godard); duet for tenor and baritone from the opera "La Forza del Destino," Erwyn Mutch and Wilford Keeler; violin solo, Bernice Mathisen Bailey, "Kiss Me Again"; baritone solo, Erwyn Mutch, "Polonaise"; piano solo, Myrtle Anderson, "Travelling Eyes"; with violin obbligato, by Mrs. Bailey, tenor solo, Wilford Keeler, "Think of Me" and "Life and Death"; piano solo, Myrtle Anderson, "Hark! Hark! The Lark"; tenor solo, Wilford Keeler, "Leibfried"; baritone solo, Erwyn Mutch, "Valse in A Major" and "Elegie" (Massenet) with violin obligato by Mrs. Bailey, tenor solo, Wilford Keeler, "Think of Me" and "Life and Death"; baritone solo, Erwyn Mutch, "Thank God for a Garden" and "Lindy Lou"; tenor solo, Wilford Keeler, "Until" and "Absent."

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## HARDING WRITES EDITORIAL

Signed "Leader" in Marion Star Lauds Pioneers of Ohio.

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MARION, O., July 5.—(Special.)—Under the title of "The Essentials to Success," the Marion Daily Star, in its centennial edition today, printed the following signed editorial by President Harding, the first he has written since his nomination:

"While Marion is celebrating the centennial of the city's founding, it is time to rejoice in the coming together again, to find happiness in the exchange of sentiments born of home-coming, to recall the pride in things accomplished, and above all else appraise the qualities of men and measures which made us what we are today. The latter is essential to the preparedness for greater progress in the future.

"Sturdy men pioneered the way to early settlement and sturdy women, too. They blazed the way of development in Ohio, and sent many of their sons and daughters

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## VETERAN NATION'S HOPE, SAYS CHIEF

President, at Home, Addresses Legion.

## AMERICA DECLARED SECURE

Consecration to Law and Order Commended.

## OHIO TOWN THRONED

Executive, Happy as Schoolboy, Reviews Pageant Vividly Depicting City's History.

MARION, O., July 5.—(By the Associated Press.) So long as the American Legion is consecrated to the preservation of the constitution and of law and order, the American republic is everlastingly secure, President Harding asserted in a brief address today to several thousand war veterans who held a reunion here.

Reminding them that they were now charged with a greater responsibility than they were on the battlefields of France, Mr. Harding declared the destiny of the United States was in the hands of ex-service men.

"I have no hesitancy in saying," he added, "that it is in good hands."

The president urged the men in his audience, all of whom earlier in the afternoon had participated in a historical parade, which he viewed, to serve their country as civilians with war-time consecration and devotion.

The president began his last day among the home folks with a morning round of golf on the new links here with O. S. Rapp, a close Marion friend; General Pershing and Charles G. Dawes, former budget bureau director. After luncheon at the home of O. E. Kling, Mrs. Harding's brother, the president went to a reviewing stand to witness the parade which depicted various stages of Marion's history.

During a 45-minute wait for the procession to start, Mr. and Mrs. Harding were serenaded by the Buckeye Republican Glee club of Columbus.

## Golf Game Starts Today

The president entered into the spirit of the pageant with the enthusiasm of a schoolboy. He grined broadly when a float passed on which a colonial mother was rocking a cradle placarded with a sign, "No flapper rocked in this."

An old prairie schooner, drawn by 20 mules, and a dilapidated rural frontier wagon in which there was a smoking stove, also caused the president to grin. Mr. Harding leaned over the railing to wave to a four-foot drum major who strutted at the head of one band.

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## GIRL PASTOR NAMED PROBATION OFFICER

MISS RUTH BOLLINGER APPOINTED TO COUNTY OFFICE.

Selection Makes Three Ministers Now Serving in Public Capacities at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 5.—(Special.)—Miss Ruth V. Bollinger, who has the distinction of, being called "reverend" since she is pastor of the La Center Methodist Episcopal church, has been appointed county probation officer. Rev. Miss Bollinger has tendered her resignation as pastor, to take effect July 15. She will succeed Fred E. Bowman, who resigned to enter his campaign for sheriff.

The appointment of Miss Bollinger to a county office makes three ministers now serving the county. Rev. Chester F. Bennett of the Freebyterian church has been county school superintendent for nearly four years. Rev. J. L. Garrett, county auditor, is a member of the United Brethren church, but has not had a congregation for six years, during which time he has been pastor two years and auditor four years.

Miss Bollinger is a graduate of Southwestern college, Winfield, Kan., and has had a wide range of experience in work with children and youth. During her graduate work at Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill., she made extended investigations and conducted recreational work in Chicago settlements under the supervision of Professor Norman E. Richardson, department of religious education. She taught a year in the senior high school of Arkansas City, Kan., and directed work in the business section as educational instructor in the First Methodist church, Seattle, Wash.

## AMERICAN AID WANTED

United States to Be Sounded on Atrocities in Asia Minor.

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LONDON, July 5.—(Special cable.)—The British government is likely to sound out the American government as to whether it would be willing to undertake an investigation of the Kemalists and Greek atrocities in Asia Minor alone or in co-operation with other neutrals, it was learned today.

Since France, two days ago, proposed the substitution of a neutral for an allied commission investigating the government here has been seeking a way out of the impasse, which threatens the extinction of the whole commission plan. Authorities here admit that the French arguments for a neutral instead of an allied commission, which is felt the neutral countries, with the exception of the United States, are not influential enough to gain admission to Kemal territory for any commission.

## GIRL BATHER DROWNED

Columbia River Current Sweeps Victim to Her Death.

ASTORIA, Or., July 5.—(Special.)—Katie Flora Ross, a 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Boldt, of Dahlia, Wash., was drowned about 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. She was bathing in the Columbia river near her home with a party of girls, and venturing too far out was caught by the current.

The body was recovered about an hour later.

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## BLACKMAIL PLOT NEW TO BROTHER

Ward Keeps Secret Until After Killing.

## FATHER ALSO IS IN DARK

Names of Plotters Never Mentioned, Says Witness.

## WORK SAID IGNORED

Ralph Ward Says Slayer Paid but Little Attention to Business and Was Not Normal.

NEW YORK, July 5.—Ralph D. Ward's testimony before the Westchester grand jury that indicted his brother, Walter S. Ward, for the murder of Clarence Peters, indicated that the accused man did not reveal the blackmail plot he insisted led to the shooting until after the former navy seaman was slain. This was disclosed today when the evidence given by Ralph Ward and Mrs. Walter S. Ward, wife of the defendant, was made known for the first time.

Ralph Ward said his brother never told him anyone was threatening him or attempting to blackmail him, and Ralph's first knowledge of a blackmail plot came from his father, George S. Ward, who told him "back" the whole story" after the shooting. He did not believe his father knew of the blackmail before.

## Business Held Neglected.

He never heard of Peters before the shooting, and his brother never mentioned "Charles Ross" or "back" the mysterious blackmailers, to him. Under questioning he said Walter was not attending to business and was not "normal" before the killing. There was nothing he could say that would help establish self-defense for his brother, he told the grand jury, but he thought the story he learned from his father, which he did not relate, would clear his brother.

Much questioning of witnesses was done by Auckland B. Corder, foreman of the jury, who was charged by Ward's counsel with having influenced the other members of the jury against Ward.

Mrs. Walter S. Ward testified her husband did not return home until nearly 5 o'clock on the morning Peter's body was found. She said she never saw Peters.

She told of the poker party at her home in New Rochelle that night and named a Mr. Stolz and a Mr. Pagel as two of the players who stayed and helped her "clean up" after the party. Ward was not home, she said. Counsel for Ward said the two men were neighbors of the Wards.

## Wife Ignorant of Pistol.

Mrs. Ward denied she ever had said she could clear up the case if given a chance. Under questioning she said she did not know that her husband owned a pistol.

Ralph Ward was asked if he had seen his brother Walter during the