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## UNION TERMINAL PUT UP TO CITY

### Railroads Are Prepared to Open Negotiations.

## ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE

### Lines Ready to Ask Street Vacations in 30 Days.

## MAYOR BAKER FOR ACTION

### President Gray of Union Pacific Says Plans Are Crystallizing Rapidly for Improvement.

Portland's great union railroad terminal project, estimated to run close to \$1,000,000 in cost of construction, may be under way much sooner than had been anticipated up to last night, when Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific, here on an inspection trip with Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the executive committee of the system, made the announcement that he believed the executives concerned could arrange to submit their application for street vacations to the city council within 30 days.

Whether or not the big project goes forward this summer or is to await action by the people or members of the city council at a later date, is the question that loomed large until Mr. Gray's statement.

Mr. Gray, in an interview early in the evening, said the railroad executives are getting along all right with the terminal project plans, but there seemed to be some question as to obtaining street vacations, which are absolutely essential to the plans.

It had been said that the members of the council wished a vote of the people on any street vacations sought by the railroads for the terminal and that some of the members would not vote the vacations under provisions of the so-called Kubli act, passed by the legislature at its last session. That the council had decided not to submit any measures to the people at the coming election in June, because of the expense, also had been published.

"With the situation in this apparent indefinite form, Mayor Baker received an outline of the case, and it was then that the subject began to clear up.

"I cannot speak for my colleagues on the council," said Mayor Baker, "but for myself I say that, no matter what attitude has been taken heretofore regarding the submission of measures to the people next June, if the railroad companies will apply for street vacations within two weeks, or such a matter, so that the council may give the subject due consideration in time, I will call a special session and we shall determine what to do.

"The fact that the council decided during the week not to submit certain measures that had been talked about, to the people, has nothing whatever to do with a matter so vital to Portland as this terminal project. It would be sheer folly for us to withhold consideration of that subject for the sake of saving a few thousand dollars, should the railroads announce they are ready to proceed and do it soon enough to afford us opportunity for a full consideration of their proposals. I am making no promises, neither am I, in the slightest degree, pledging myself to anything except to act for the best good of the city, and to do it at once, if necessary, to have this big terminal project go forward."

## HUNT FOR SLACKERS TO BEGIN HERE SOON

### OREGON DRAFT EVADER NOW SERVING 18 MONTHS' TERM.

## GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO PUBLISH LIST OF ALL OFFENDERS AND ROUND-UP WILL FOLLOW.

SALEM, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Preliminary rumbles of an impending slacker roundup have been heard at the adjutant-general's office here, it was learned today on inquiry as to the compilation of Oregon's slacker list. It was stated by Adjutant-General White that he confidently expected to see the publication of the whole list by the government at no remote date, in view of the roundup of the offenders will follow.

Telegraphic and letter requests of the adjutant-general that he be authorized to cause the arrest of known draft-dodgers were disapproved by the government, it was learned, and he was asked to refer all names to Washington, D. C.

"Inasmuch as the government credits the delay to the long process of checking every name against all the army and navy records in order to avoid errors, I think the delay is justified if there are no other reasons," said General White. "We have telegraphed the names of more than 60 Oregon soldiers found in error on the list.

"In the meantime, the government has not been altogether idle. An Oregon slacker got his just deserts a short time ago. I would be breaking faith at this time to give out his name, but he belongs to an otherwise honorable pioneer family. He pleaded ignorance of the draft law, but a military court at Vancouver barracks gave him 18 months at hard labor. This was reduced to 12 months by the headquarters at San Francisco, and the young man is now engaged in reducing large rocks into smaller ones."

## PRISONER LOSES SHERIFF

### Confessed Slayer Spends Hours in Search for His Guard.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 26.—Claude W. Blackman, confessed slayer, spent two hours today looking around Oakland for the sheriff, in whose custody he was supposed to be. Falling in his search, Blackman, who was ill, went to Providence hospital, climbed into bed and waited to be "captured."

A. H. Jolly, sheriff of Wood county, Texas, had the man in tow, but the two separated at the Oakland mole. While Jolly was looking around San Francisco for Blackman, the latter was inquiring in Oakland concerning the whereabouts of the officer. Blackman is charged with shooting his uncle at Quitman, Tex.

Blackman arrived here from Tacoma, Wash., where he started the police by walking into the station and confessing that he had killed his uncle in Quitman in 1918.

## COMING CONGRESS FACES HUGE TASK

### Expectations Said to Be Unreasonable.

## MIRACLES SEEM DEMANDED

### Leaders Mobilize and Make Plans for Future.

## RECENT SESSION BLAMED

### President Gets Off to Bad Start When He Launches Colombian Treaty as First Issue.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26.—The republican leaders are mobilizing to get things done at the coming session of congress. They need to. They know that the expectations which the country has of them are enormous; to some of the more cautious republican leaders the country's expectations are almost terrifying. The country almost expects the new administration to make miracles.

The expectations are largely inherent in the situation, but to agree they are based on the promises and implications of promises, which the republicans made during the campaign last summer, as one of the republican leaders expressed it after he had spent several days studying the government's financial situation and the country's business situation: "We have promised to solve the insoluble."

Recent Congress Disappointments.  
Not only are the republican leaders apprehensive about the things the country expects them to do in the coming session, in addition they are uncomfortably conscious of having made a poor record in the recent session. To be sure, so far as the recent session is concerned, the republicans have an alibi, which they rely on rather too much in the fact that they did not then control the presidency. While they controlled the presidency, the senate, the democratic president was in the house and anything they did, they were not of a character that can be blamed on President Wilson's vetoes. It is true some of these vetoes were unjustifiable. After an immigration bill had been passed in the senate by a majority of 31 to 1 and had been passed in the house by a vote of 7 to 1, it was discouraging to have all that work go for nothing because the president allowed the bill to lie on his desk and thereby, in effect, vetoed it. But the sufficient answer to this is that the republican house and senate ought to have passed the bill before the last 10 days of the session. If they had done that, they would then have had time to re-pass the bill over the president's veto.

Unpardonable Delays Charged.  
Moreover, there were serious defects in the work of the recent session which had nothing whatever to do with Mr. Wilson's vetoes. The recent session did not even pass all the appropriation bills which Mr. Harding had begged them to pass in order to have the ground clear for the new regime.

The truth is that in the recent session there was unpardonable dilatoriness. Having their majority of 22, the republican leaders are now getting ready to achieve compactness and speed. They have reorganized their steering committee. This is not an official committee of the senate, but really a committee of the republican party. It will be responsible for the programme. It will fix the order in which legislation shall come up, and it will be responsible for the speed.

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## 9.8 PER 1000 WEAK MENTALLY IN STATE

### OREGON SURVEY SHOWS INSANE NUMBER 7686.

Total of 65,000 Is Declared to Be "Socially Inadequate." Half of Criminals Dull.  
Out of 65,000 individuals in the state of Oregon classified as "socially inadequate," 29,555 were found to be completely or partially dependent and 30,141 delinquents, in a survey just completed by the extension division of the University of Oregon at the request of the legislature and under the direction of the United States public health service.

The investigation revealed that in Oregon known insane and mental defectives total 7686, which is a ratio of 9.8 per thousand of the general population of the state. Rejections in the army draft in Oregon for such causes were 11.35 per thousand, so that the survey is believed clearly to be conservative.

Special studies with adult criminals showed that 51 per cent were mentally dull or defective, while 22 per cent of these adult criminals have the minds of children of 12 years or less and are distinctly defective mentally. The same element of mental defect holds true for juvenile delinquents, according to the findings of the survey. Of 451 dependent inmates of poor farms, 175 showed mental defects.

In addition the survey showed a (Concluded on Page 3, Column 4.)

## MINNESOTA TORNADO SPREADS RUIN, DEATH

### SEVERAL PERSONS KILLED AND HEAVY DAMAGE DONE.

CHICAGO, March 26.—Sporadic winds of tornado fury arising in Minnesota late today caused several deaths, great property damage and heavy livestock losses as it swept southward.

Three persons were reported killed at Rushmore, Minn., which was practically leveled, according to one report.

The same report said Dave Anderson, his son and another person had been killed by falling structures at Reading, eight miles northwest of Worthington.

Heavy livestock losses were reported from regions around Ansley, Neb. From Sioux Falls, S. D., it was said that 12 inches of snow fell in less than three hours but that at Watertown and Huron. At Sioux Falls a strong wind was raging and the temperature had dropped to 10 degrees above zero shortly before midnight, it was reported.

Telegraphic and telephonic services were crippled.

WORTHINGTON, Minn., March 26.—A tornado following an all-day rain swept west and northwest of here between 6:30 and 7 P. M. today, killing (Concluded on Page 3, Column 3.)

## 1921 ROAD WORK COST \$12,000,000

### Expenditures by State Estimated in Report.

## COUNTIES MAY MATCH FUND

### Total Outlay Is Expected to Pass \$20,000,000.

## OREGON TRAIL ON LIST

### Highway Programme Not Definitely Outlined by State Commission Yet, However.

SALEM, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Oregon's road-building programme for the present year, although not yet definitely outlined by the state highway commission, will entail expenditures aggregating at least \$12,000,000. This was made known here today by Roy E. Klein, secretary of the commission in a report including contracts already awarded, projects authorized for which bids will be received on April 5 and projects carried over from last year.

During the period January 1 to March 5, 1921, the highway commission awarded contracts for road improvement and bridges aggregating a cost of \$1,125,200.

Grading Work Included.  
These contracts include 37.3 miles of grading, 35 miles of macadam, 54.5 miles of paving and 14 bridges.

Projects advertised, and for which bids will be opened by the commission in Portland on April 5, include improvements estimated to cost \$1,900,000. These projects were summarized as follows: 78.9 miles of grading, 34.7 miles of macadam, 29.2 miles of paving and four bridges.

Projects under contract carried over from last year which will be completed during the coming summer include 132.5 miles of grading, 138.2 miles of macadam, 89.3 miles of paving and ten bridges.

Cost Put at \$5,229,250.  
The cost of these improvements, under the terms of the contracts, is \$5,229,250.

In addition to these improvements, which Mr. Klein has estimated will cost \$10,284,450, he anticipated in his report that the total sum to be expended on roads during the present year will be almost double that amount. These additional expenditures, he said, would result from county highway activities carried forth on a 50-50 basis.

## FAIR DAY IS FORECAST FOR EASTER FINERY

### NEW BONNET NOT LIKELY TO BE IN LEAST DANGER.

Weather Prognostication of Frost, Made Earlier in Day, Changed When Sun Routs Clouds.  
The new bonnet may be worn to church this morning with perfect impunity so far as the weather is concerned, according to the forecast made last night by Edward L. Wells, weatherman. "Fair," was his promise, "with northwesterly winds."

Early yesterday Mr. Wells issued a prediction of a heavy frost Sunday morning, but weather conditions had so changed by 5 P. M. that he omitted even this unpleasantness from his later forecast.

Not a drop of rain fell yesterday at any of the 36 stations throughout the United States, from which reports were received by the weather bureau. Friday's reports, which were received yesterday from Sitka and Nome, Alaska told of rain, showing that spring has arrived even in the far north.

ASTORIA, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Today was one of the finest of the winter season in Astoria, with a cloudless sky and warm sunshine throughout the day. Pleasant weather was forecast for Easter Sunday.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 26.—Fur neck pieces and chinchilla coats will vie with spring bonnets and dainty silks in Seattle's Easter parade tomorrow, if the weather lives up to Observer Salisbury's forecast.

Clear, cold weather, with a heavy frost in the morning and nipping winds from the northeast will be the Easter menu, Mr. Salisbury said today. The paraders were comforted, however, when he declared there was not much chance for rain.

CUPID HAS EASTER RUSH  
Eighteen Couples Obtain Permit to Wed in Vancouver.  
VANCOUVER, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—With a record of only one marriage license issued Thursday and Friday, here, Cupid did his best today to make the score square by Easter by coupling 18 couples into taking the marital plunge. The auditor's office was busy issuing marriage licenses and automobile licenses, but there were more of the former.

Of the 18 couples who procured permits to get married today, the majority of the women were older than the men they were marrying, one by 13 years.

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