

MAUGHT PLEDGED, YET ALL HOPEFUL

Job-Hunters Elated After Seeing Stanfield.

MANY INTERVIEW SENATOR

East Oregon Lawmaker Is Becoming Diplomat.

CLAIMS ARE PRESENTED

Office of United States Marshal for Time Attracts More Attention Than Others.

If no news is good news, then applicants for federal appointments who succeeded in holding Senator Stanfield long enough to buttonhole him this week must be elated. For that is exactly what the senator gave them—no news. Anyway, Senator Stanfield must have developed into a diplomat, because each man who saw him came away with a feeling that his own status was good.

Coincidentally with the arrival of the Junior Oregon senator came rumors of changes in the federal patronage situation, particularly with reference to United States marshals, although why this office should attract attention that others is difficult for the average citizen to comprehend. Among the first to jump a train and come to Portland to confer with Senator Stanfield after the latter's arrival from Washington, D. C., was Asa B. Thomson, mayor of Echo. It is violating no confidence to hint that Senator Stanfield has been quite particular to Mr. Thomson as a suitable and proper man to fulfill the duties of United States marshal. The interview concluded, Mr. Thomson returned to Echo, but whether he received assurance or consolation from the senator is not known, for neither the senator nor the mayor discussed what developed.

THOMSON HAS OPPOSITION.

It is known, however, that there has been growing up against the candidacy of Mr. Thomson a formidable array of opposition, even in the ranks of Senator Stanfield's personal friends. Some of the senator's intimates were former supporters of the late Senator Corbett and they recall and spread the word that after Mr. Thomson, then a member of the Corbett legislature, had been in the Corbett camp throughout the senatorial fight, he deserted at the last hour and cast his vote for Senator Mitchell, who was elected. Later Mr. Thomson was appointed to a land office position. So bitter was that contest that the action of Mr. Thomson still rankles after all these years.

They, too, some other friends of the senator consider it a poor political move for a senator's relatives to be appointed to "spotlight" jobs. Mr. Thomson and Senator Stanfield are relatives by marriage. As things stand, it looks as if Mr. Thomson was sitting in with a hot-tailed flush. John L. Day, republican chairman for Multnomah county, candidate for marshal, also had a talk with Senator Stanfield. When he took his leave he was probably no whit wiser than before.

DAY'S CLAIM SUBSTANTIAL.

Mr. Day has this advantage over certain other candidates for this and other federal appointments—he represents the organization. Because of his long activity in the party, since 1892, and the organization he has built up in Multnomah county, the claims of Chairman Day for recognition are not to be lightly brushed aside by Senator McNary nor Senator Stanfield. No one is said to have a lead over the republican county chairman at this time, but possibly

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SOUTH DAKOTA WILL ENFORCE BLUE LAW

BASEBALL AND MOVIES TO BE BARRED TODAY.

Attorney-General Says Statute Will Be Carried Out on Sole Initiative of County Attorneys.

PIERRE, S. D., April 2.—Enforcement of South Dakota's blue laws, which were scheduled to begin tomorrow, will be carried out on sole initiative of county attorneys, Attorney-General Payne said today. He said he could not say how extensively they would be enforced.

Although Attorney-General Payne had given no order as to when the campaign would start, many state attorneys have declared that, acting on the advice given them, they will begin enforcement tomorrow. Some have announced they will enforce all Sunday laws, while Attorney-General Payne says he is interested only in those prohibiting Sunday baseball and moving picture shows and the showing of moving pictures suggestive of crime or immorality.

State's Attorney Harry Horner of Hughes county tonight warned merchants, garages, theaters, motor-car filling stations and others affected by the South Dakota Sunday closing laws to remain closed tomorrow, as he intended to enforce every Sunday law on the statute books.

Moving-picture exhibitors have declared it absurd even to think of enforcing that provision, because, they argue, it would bar practically all recent movie productions.

HURON, S. D., April 2.—The first step in the campaign of Attorney-General Byron S. Payne to enforce the "blue laws" of South Dakota was taken here today, when Allen Gethal, manager and owner of a local motion picture theater, was arrested on a charge of operating a show last Sunday. According to the attorney-general a test case will be made of this action to determine the constitutionality of the "blue laws."

1925 FAIR BILL PLANNED

Measure to Authorize Mr. Harding to Invite Nations to Portland.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 2.—(Special.)—A bill, similar to the one introduced in the last congress authorizing the president to invite foreign nations to participate in an exposition to be held at Portland in 1925, will be offered by Senator McNary at the opening of congress.

The McNary resolutions required the less of the city of Portland than the former resolution, the purpose being to have the senate committee, which will report the resolution, pass on the ability of the city to carry out the plan instead of having this question carried to the floor of senate and house.

FAIR WEATHER FORECAST

Occasional Rains in Northwest This Week Are Predicted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday include: Northern Rocky mountain and plateau regions—Cooler Tuesday and Wednesday, normal temperature thereafter. Rains probable at beginning, followed by fair.

Pacific states—Generally fair, except for occasional rains along north coast. Normal temperature.

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RUIN SEEN UNLESS FARMER PROSPERS

Food Prices Must Rise, Says Wallace.

PRODUCE SOLD UNDER COST

Denied Relief, Distress for All Inevitable.

2 DOLLARS CONTRASTED

Continuance of Present Economic Condition Perilous for Nation, Says Secretary.

BY HARDEN COLFAX. (Copyright, 1921, by The Oregonian.) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—(Special.)—Food prices must rise again—and rise soon, before the coming of real prosperity. All the farmer raises is sold for too little; he is receiving 50 to 60-cent dollars for what he sells and paying 100-cent dollars for what he buys. The pendulum of price readjustments has swung too violently and too far in his direction. One of two things must happen, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace believes, before the country can be truly prosperous. As he sees the dilemma, the horns are described thus:

1. Farm products—and this means all foodstuffs—must advance approximately 70 per cent in wholesale prices to the farmer, or

2. The retail price of everything else must drop still further, until the buyer's dollar and the farmer's dollar are worth exactly the same amount. Present prospects are that both movements will be noticeable within a short time.

Tariff Expected to Help.

Increased prices of foodstuffs will be brought about, to some extent, it is believed, by the enactment of a tariff sufficiently high to prevent the dumping into American markets of farm products raised abroad. These goods at present sell at prices lower than the cost of producing the commodities on American farms. Further price reductions on everything except farm products, it is hoped, will result from the working of the economic law whose operation already has resulted in the farmers' present plight.

There are about 6,000,000 farmers in the United States and about 35,000,000 persons engaged in agricultural pursuits. This group comprises far and away the largest single industry in the country. Farming is a prosperous nobody else in the country can be. At present the farmer is selling almost everything he raises at less than cost. The price he pays for what he buys, including labor, averages more than 80 per cent higher than the pre-war standard. Thus, in relative values, the farmer's income has been cut almost in half. He cannot go into the store and spend 80 per cent more than he spent before the war—as he would have to do in order to keep step with the rest of the country—because he isn't getting it.

FARMER SUPPORTS ALL.

So long as the farmer can't keep step with the rest of the country in purchasing power, the country will continue to be beset with industrial and commercial ailments, Mr. Wallace believes. The farmer supports the eastern markets, where the great industries of the country center, and one reason why those markets now are not flourishing, according to Mr. Wallace's diagnosis, is because the farmer can't support them on his present income.

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HARDING IMPOSTER IS LANDED IN JAIL

KINSHIP TO PRESIDENT IS FAKED TO DEFRAUD.

Chicago Candy Man Is Accused of Defrauding Prominent Business Men and Railroad.

CHICAGO, April 2.—Everett Harding, a candy store owner, who was arrested today on charges of impersonating a federal official tonight was declared by the police to have defrauded the Pennsylvania railroad out of nearly \$2000 and to have imposed on leading Chicago clubs and business men by posing as a cousin of President Harding, although no relation to the chief executive. The police said they believed he had obtained at least \$10,000 from business men by promising to use his influence in obtaining political appointments.

Harding, according to the police, found Chicago's leading citizens gullible. He took 22 to the inaugural in a private car, it was said, and then paid the Pennsylvania railroad with a check for \$1918.44 which was returned, according to railroad officials, marked "no funds."

While on this trip Harding met a delegation from the Hamilton club, a republican social organization. He posed as a cousin of the president and was promised a life membership in the club, the police said. In return he was said to have promised his friends political appointments, telling them he was to be assistant secretary of the president.

Harding was held in bonds of \$5000.

Harding, police said, after becoming acquainted with prominent business men, marked "no funds."

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PRICE OF GASOLINE IS SLATED TO FALL

NEW REFINING PROCESS TO EFFECT THE REDUCTION.

Portland Auto and Accessory Dealers Predict Lower Rate Will Stimulate Whole Industry.

Distribution facilities that kept Pacific coast gasoline prices well under eastern figures prior to the gasoline shortage of last summer should insure some relief from present Pacific coast prices, according to prominent Portland automobile dealers and distributors who are becoming interested in recent comparisons showing that gasoline is now retailing from 3 to 6 cents lower in the east than here. All are agreed that a substantial reduction in the price of the commodity here would have a far-reaching effect throughout the entire automobile industry on the coast, from the retailers of cars to the garages, tire and accessory concerns. For not only would the psychological effect be to induce many more persons to invest in cars, but automobile owners would feel inclined to make more extensive use of their machines than at present in the opinion of many dealers.

Present export market conditions, the reduced price of crude oil and the introduction of the so-called "cracking" process in Pacific coast refineries which is said to have materially increased the yield of gasoline from a given amount of crude oil, are all cited as reasons for expecting a decline from a war-time gasoline price, or rather a decline from the figures established after the shortage of last summer.

"Gasoline should sell in Portland at a price equal to that of eastern cities,"

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WRECK DEATH LIST REDUCED TO NINE

Error in Check Is Corrected by Passenger.

PROBES INTO CRASH BEGUN

Right of Way Is Generally Conceded West Hartland.

BLAME IS TO BE FIXED

Report Is Expected Tomorrow. Plan to Salvage Governor Given Up as Impossible.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 2.—(Special.)—Death losses from the sinking of the steamship Governor off Point Wilson early yesterday, were reduced to nine late today, when an error in the list of survivors was cleared up by the discovery that the name Alfred Kaseau, Los Angeles, reported missing, should have been Alvard Rieseau, Spokane, Wash., who was saved.

Rieseau learned only today of the error and immediately reported to officials of the Pacific Steamship company. He said he had not seen the list of survivors and missing until today and then realized that through the error in names, he had been reported missing.

Federal investigation begun. Interest today centered in the federal investigation of the disaster which is expected to result in fixing the blame for the collision of the Governor with the freighter West Hartland.

Captain Harry H. Marden, the veteran mariner who piloted the Governor on her last voyage, and Captain E. F. Bartlett, master of the vessel, were questioned at the investigation, conducted by Harry C. Lord and Donald S. Ames, United States steamboat inspectors.

The hearing was continued until Monday, when it is expected a report will be rendered.

Separate probe continues. The district attorney's office and the department of justice today continued their separate investigation of the tragedy, to protect government interests, involved by the fact that the West Hartland is owned by the shipping board emergency fleet corporation.

The freighter Brookline, now lying in Lake Union, Seattle, will take the cargo of the West Hartland, after which the latter vessel will be towed to drydock for repairs. It was said today the cost of repairs would probably be near \$700,000.

GOVERNOR IS TOTAL LOSS.

The governor, valued at \$1,500,000, is a total loss and the Pacific Steamship company will make no efforts to salvage her, officers of the company announced today. It was believed that the cargo, personal valuables and belongings of passengers, estimated at \$200,000, would remain at the bottom with the ship.

The West Hartland tonight was still at pier D, where she arrived yesterday with the survivors of the wreck.

Two women survivors of the wreck were still in a local hospital tonight. Mrs. Susan Cane of Los Angeles, who suffered a badly wrenched back, was reported recovering. Mrs. F. Riley of Minneapolis was taken to the hospital this morning suffering from nervous shock.

ONE SUFFERS FROM SHOCK.

Mrs. K. D. O'Brien of Rochester, N. Y., was confined to her room in a local hotel, suffering from shock and exposure. Her condition was said to be improving.

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FIRE CAPTAIN HURT AS CAR HITS TRUCK

CRASH HALTS RESPONSE OF APPARATUS TO ALARM.

Guy Stabler Seriously Cut and Bruised; Five Others in Crew Escape Uninjured.

Captain Guy Stabler of engine company No. 3, 511 Gilsan street, was seriously cut and bruised about 10:30 last night when truck No. 3 was struck by Twenty-third street street car at Twenty-third and Gilsan streets. Driver Garlets and five other members of the crew were uninjured.

Captain Stabler's truck was answering a call to Twenty-third and Washington streets and in turning from Gilsan onto Washington street the front trucks of the fire apparatus were struck from the left side by the outboard street car, operated by Motorman W. A. Finney, 746 Irving street. There were 24 passengers on the car, all of whom were somewhat shaken by the collision, but none injured.

Captain Stabler was riding on the right of the driver. At the impact he was thrown between the street car and truck, evidently being cut by broken glass. He bled profusely. The accident occurred near the garage of the Arrow Ambulance company and he was rushed to St. Vincent's hospital. He will recover, according to a statement issued last night from the hospital.

Damage to the fire truck consisted of a bent fender and damaged lights, although the shock may have caused some damage to the running gear by throwing it out of alignment. In case of a bad fire the department would be handicapped, as on Friday morning a truck was put out of commission on the east side through a similar mishap.

The street car fender and some glass in the front vestibule were damaged and broken, respectively. Finney told the police that he did not see the fire truck until it was about 20 feet from his car; he said that he did not hear the siren, although the firemen said that they were running with it going full blast. That the accident was not more serious was due to the fact that the truck was going slowly, preparatory to turning the corner.

Finney was questioned by members of the traffic squad, who said that he was evidently trying to make up time after leaving the congested district. He was taken to police headquarters and charged with recklessly operating a street car and failure to give right of way to an emergency vehicle.

The fire, which did about \$1000 damage, started in a clothes cabinet in the tailor shop belonging to J. Rosen at 733 1/2 Washington street and spread to the King Hill meat market, 725 Washington. It was extinguished by other apparatus before it had gained much headway.

PULP WOOD USE GROWS

Pacific Coast Consumption Jumps 7.4 Per Cent in 1920.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—A new record for consumption of pulp wood in California, Oregon, and Washington was made in 1920. The department of agriculture announced today that the amount consumed exceeded the highest record previously made by 23,000 cords, or 7.4 per cent. The 1920 production exceeded that of 1917 by 14 per cent. Larchwood pulp wood consumed last year led all other species combined by 72,000 cords.

IDLE MEN GET RENT FREE

Copper Company Allows Workers to Remain in Homes.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 2.—Realizing that there is a scarcity of homes and that many families might suffer if compelled to move at present, the Utah Copper company announced today it would allow the men recently thrown out of employment by the closing of the mines at Bingham and the mills at Arthur, Utah, to remain in the company's houses.

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CHEST WINS WAY INTO CITY'S HEART

Crusaders Get \$425,049 First Week of Drive.

RESELLING PLAN ADOPTED

Citizens Will Be Canvassed to Increase Subscriptions.

STAFF ADDS FINANCIERS

20,000 Contributions for Crippled and Homeless Presage Success for \$550,000 Fund.

FINANCIERS SUMMONED TO HELP.

Three of Portland's foremost financiers and captains of industry have been called into service for the community chest campaign for the coming week, and Mayor Baker and his staff have charged them with the chief responsibility for raising the remainder of the chest quota, approximately 50 per cent of the total. These men are William M. Ladd, chairman of the directors of Ladd & Titton bank; J. C. Ainsworth, president of the United States National bank, and Emory Olmstead, president of the Northwestern National bank.

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WEEK'S DRIVE BRINGS \$425,049.

Tabulated returns at the chest headquarters last night showed that the week's results had brought \$425,049 into the community chest. Unofficial reports, untabulated, would bring this total to an amount in excess of \$500,000, it was announced.

Mayor Baker announced yesterday the community chest plan was a permanent institution.

"I want to serve notice on these birds that the chest is going through," said Mayor Baker. "They can't hide behind any excuse and we are going to stay with this, boys, until the game has been concluded."

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CARTOONIST PERRY ILLUSTRATES SOME TOPICS IN THE RECENT NEWS.

