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FOOD VESSEL FOR ARMENIA IS LAUNCHED

Locally-Built Steel Ship to Carry First Relief Cargo to Stricken Land Is Given Its First Bath.

Vancouver Tableau Depicts Close Relationship Between United States and Overseas Republic.

Armenia and America came closer Saturday when the big steel cargo steamer Bearport was launched at Vancouver. On February 20 the Bearport will carry from Portland one of America's first relief cargoes to the tiny, month-old republic in Southeastern Europe.

Two native Armenians officiated in the christening tableau representing the union of friendship with the United States. When the 9600-ton ship slid down the ways of the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation at 12:22 p. m., Mrs. Armenoulie Tashlian Laimon of Seattle, on a speaking tour for the Near East relief committee, stood on the forward deck waving a big American flag. On the christening stand was 17-year-old Neress Carozian, Armenian youth who arrived in Portland recently after an escape from Turkish oppressors. He proudly held aloft the flag of the new Armenian republic, triangular and containing the red, white and blue and stars of the American banner.

The ship was sponsored by Mrs. Mabel Jones Stuart, sister of H. V. Jones, vice president of the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation. Garbed as a Columbia, she was striking in a flowing robe made from American flags. On her head she wore a golden crown representing "Liberty Enlightening the World."

Two thousand Vancouver and Portland residents saw the launching of the Bearport. Included were 250 Boy Scouts from the two cities. They formed a special guard of honor for Neress Carozian, who was a Boy Scout in Armenia. In formation before the christening stand, the Boy Scouts stood at attention while their band sounded bugle calls. Then Jim Robinson, Standifer's veteran launching foreman, pulled the remaining block that braced the big vessel, and it started to glide slowly into the Columbia river.

At the first quarter Mrs. Stuart raised the flag and ribbon decorated bottle of mysterious fluid and crashed it against the bow of the Bearport. Ancient dedication customs thus fulfilled, the steamer took its first bath and came to a stop quickly when chains and piles lessened its speed.

Present to witness the launching of the Standifer corporation's tenth and last ship under government contract were H. V. Jones, vice president, and W. G. Davidson, secretary and treasurer.

They promise to rush installation of the Bearport's remaining machinery. Steam cranes must be connected up and other tasks done.

They hope to turn the vessel over to the Emergency Fleet corporation by February 15. This will necessitate un-

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School Boys Crowd Girls From Kitchen

Sickened by Eating Own Cooking, They Have Decided to Learn Art of Pots and Pans.

Is the art of cooking to be taken over by men of the younger generation?

The situation at Oakley Green school would so indicate. Sixteen boys signed up for cooking in the industrial club work. Only one girl expressed a desire to learn to cook, but when she was told all the other members would be boys, she withdrew and decided to take sewing instead.

Oakley Green is the first school in Portland to have a boys' cooking club. Instruction will begin with the preparation of white sauce to be followed by everything from baking bread to boiling water. All the work will be done in the home kitchens. Club leader T. D. Kirkpatrick requested each boy to obtain the consent of his mother to work in the kitchen before signing up for the work. In every case the mothers were eager for the boys to learn to cook. Kirkpatrick intends to have the boys furnish an exhibit at the fair next fall. One of the features of the course will be a hiking trip in the spring with all the camp cooking done by the boys and with Kirkpatrick and Miss Helen Cowgill, club leader at Oregon Agricultural college, as honor guests.

Mrs. E. H. Whitney, wife of the assistant school superintendent, is in charge of the class work, while her son is president of the club.

The boys of Joseph Kellogg school are asking for a cooking club also. In this they are being backed by their mothers who claim that after each camping trip the boys take they come home sick because of eating their own camp cooking.

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INSPECTOR TO TAKE MYERS' PLACE TODAY

Portland Postmaster Declares He Has Not Resigned and Has No Intention of Doing So.

Barclay in Assuming Charge of Office Says He Is Acting on Order of Postmaster General.

"I am under definite instructions to take over the Portland postoffice Sunday morning. I have been told to take over the office, and I shall do so. How long I shall continue in charge I do not know."

Robert H. Barclay, chief inspector for the Pacific Northwest postal district, thus expressed his intentions and his reasons, Saturday night.

"I have not resigned. I do not intend to resign. I have rights under the federal laws which expressly define how a postmaster is to be removed. The law provides that a postmaster may be removed only by the president with the confirmation of the senate and then only after a hearing before the postoffice appropriations committee."

"So far, I have not the slightest idea what the charges against me are. I have not been informed of them. By law, I am entitled to a full hearing, which I have not received."

"I am still postmaster of Portland. I intend to function as such."

According to authorities versed in postal law, Mr. Myers ceased to be postmaster of Portland at midnight Saturday night, regardless of whether he resigned or not. It is understood that he was accorded a hearing some two months ago, that under the law he is now completely out of the office and, pending orders from the postmaster general, Inspector Barclay will conduct the affairs of the Portland office.

Regardless of the refusal of a postmaster to submit his resignation, a postoffice inspector ordered to take charge of an office is authorized to function under the direction of the postmaster general.

This, however, does not interfere with whatever resistance to removal the official may undertake and would not necessarily prejudice his later return to control, it has been pointed out.

Strong reports that Myers' resignation of actually been submitted were prevalent during the afternoon, intensified by the fact that Barclay actually was checking over the papers in the postoffice.

Friends of Assistant Postmaster Harry Durand are making strong efforts to have him retained in the service on the ground that the request for his resignation was not based on anything like the same reasons as was that of Myers. His long and efficient service in the postoffice department is pointed to as reason for his retention. Durand for many years was a postoffice inspector, to which post he had been promoted in the messenger. He has been assistant postmaster for several years under civil service.

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UNIFORM TAX BUDGET PLAN IS FAVORED

Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission Points Way to Economic Administration.

Files Exhaustive Report With Governor Olcott Urging Legislative Action at Next Session.

Enactment of a competent and uniform budget law.

Establishment of a centralized administration of the multiple tax levying and disbursing functions of Multnomah county.

Creation of a supervisory administrative commission with authority to audit and examine accounts, to establish concentration and uniformity of financial records and to install cost accounting methods wherever advisable.

These in brief are the recommendations outlined in an exhaustive report to Governor Olcott by the tax supervising and conservation commission, with the suggestion that they receive consideration at the next session of the legislature. The report is signed by all three members of the commission—J. D. Farrell, chairman; I. N. Day and W. H. Hurlbut.

REPORT IS THOROUGH

The tax supervising and conservation commission was created by the 1919 legislature with advisory jurisdiction over all tax levying bodies within each county of more than 100,000 population. This act obviously applies only to Multnomah county.

The commission, once named, set to work, and its findings are set forth in the report made public today, a large part of which is printed herewith. The commission discovered that, inasmuch as tax levying officials also disburse the funds raised under auditing methods likewise independent, waste and extravagance are inevitable, to check which the commission points out the need of centralized administrative authority over the entire tax levying and disbursement of auditing responsibilities and a divorce of the disbursing from the levying function.

The essential features of the report follow:

The supervision of the numerous annual budgets of Multnomah county, in the manner contemplated by the act giving life to this commission, cannot be instituted and maintained effectively without further legislation. As a matter of fact, the problem is administrative, rather than advisory, and in a minor degree contains the elemental difficulties confronting the federal congress in the long deferred effort to establish a national budgetary system.

Although the general property of the county bears the burden, and the tax revenues have a single source, the budget estimates are actually made up from 66 levying bodies acting independently of each other and actuated by no coordinating impulse.

SOURCE OF WASTE

Inasmuch as the levying officials manage the disbursement of the tax revenues for reclamation and other purposes, they likewise incur the waste, extravagance, in considering the needs and enterprises of their several units of administration as do the county commissioners. The large waste in public expenditures chargeable to this condition is to be restrained only by a centralization of administrative authority over the annual estimates, a consolidation of auditing responsibilities and a divorce of the disbursing from the levying function.

Public finances in Multnomah county are administered in three distinct fiscal terms. That of the school districts closes June 30, the county commissioners, November 30, and the county and port, December 31. The tax funds of 56 school districts, the library association of Portland, the port of Portland, the drainage districts and a water district for 1920, amounting to \$2,556,958.31, are passed to treasurers, in the administration of three several budget-making bodies, and subject to no supervisory audit of a properly bonded authority.

ON A BUSINESS BASIS

If the several agencies of government, having to do with the tax problem affecting the general property of the county, are to be regarded as relative parts of a large business concern, their disbursement accounts and budget necessities should be adjusted to a uniform fiscal record, covering the same period or term; and their voucher methods and expenditures should be subject to the periodic scrutiny of a responsible supervisory authority.

Before entering upon a review of the budget subject, the urgent necessity for dramatic statutory changes in our incoherent financial system may be emphasized by a comparative study of the general property taxes for the last decade, considered in conjunction with the accumulating public debt.

DISPROPORTIONATE INCREASES

One of the primary inquiries of the commission was: Do the rapidly increasing annual outlays, under the several forms of administration in Multnomah county, bear a reasonable proportion to the growth of population, and the increasing wealth of the community, as expressed in the assessed valuations of property against which these expenditures are a direct charge? The total tax levy collectible in 1911 was \$4,601,427; the population (federal census) 254,281, and the assessed wealth \$301,817,755. For 1920 the total tax levy is \$11,592,553 (omitting drainage district taxes), the population (estimated)

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Farmers Quit Soil to Go To Factories

Producers Assert They Are Not Getting Their Proper Measure of Prosperity.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Because they are not getting "their measure of prosperity," farmers near small Indiana manufacturing towns are quitting their farms and getting jobs in factories, and the number of tenant farmers throughout the Middle West is steadily on the increase, according to H. H. Merrick, president of the Mississippi Valley association.

Mr. Merrick today discussed the report of the assistant postmaster general that farmers generally were threatening to abandon their farms or curtail their crops.

"Despite stories that farmers are getting rich, the average small farmer has been getting the worst of it," he said. "Everywhere, unless you go up in price, and the average he makes from the hard labor and long hours of himself and his family is but \$2 a day."

"I don't blame him for quitting. The tremendous cost and waste between him and the consumer is wrongfully charged to him, and these H. C. L. crusades and food boycotts have the effect of making his life a hell and his cattle and produce production."

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SINNOTT WINS IN OIL CONTENTION

Conferees Agree to His Amendment Regarding Excess Lands in Wyoming Fields.

Washington, Jan. 31.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Conferees on the oil and coal land-leasing bill ended the long deadlock today when they accepted the amendment of Representative Sinnott, dealing with the disposition of the excess lands held by claimants in the great Wyoming fields. For some time Sinnott has stood alone in contending that excess land acquired by oil corporations should be held for government benefit and not for the enrichment of private interest. Amounts involved cannot be definitely ascertained, but is believed to aggregate many millions.

This was illustrated by the known fact that one tract of 160 acres was transferred recently for a flat million dollars. Land in excess of 3200 acres held by one claimant must be put up for competitive bidding under the Sinnott proposal now agreed to.

The conferees also accepted another Sinnott amendment which divides the accumulated funds impounded and received by the government to date of the bill's passage by distributing 70 per cent to reclamation fund, 20 per cent to states from which derived and 10 per cent to the government.

This, it is estimated, will immediately place between five and seven millions in the reclamation fund.

The senate conferees contended for 45 per cent for reclamation and 45 per cent to states, which would have presented golden eggs to Wyoming and California. Sinnott contended for a larger share for the reclamation fund.

Distribution of future proceeds has not been finally agreed on, but is likely to give 52 1/2 per cent to the reclamation fund and 37 1/2 per cent to states.

Settlement of these points promises to bring about an early report by conferees and the final end of the oil leasing controversy which has raged in congress for years.

Robert Hohman Is Hit by Automobile; Probably Will Die

One small boy is lying at death's door and seven more were injured in the 29 automobile and motorcycle accidents occurring Saturday within the city limits.

Practically all the accidents were caused by a 10-year-old Robert Hohman of Palatine Hill station, who was run over by an automobile Saturday afternoon at Tolman and Milwaukee streets. He is at Sellwood hospital with three fractures of the skull, one at the base of the brain, one behind the ear and one over the eye. H. A. Sayle, 553 East Sixth street, was driving the automobile. Lieutenant Ervick had him placed in jail immediately after the accident, but he was later released on \$200 bail. When the seriousness of the case was learned Ervick was notified and he is now holding him without bail. Robert is a member of a family of seven children. He was visiting his grandmother at 689 Tenino avenue Saturday afternoon. He had been helping on a grocery delivery wagon and ran out from behind this wagon in front of Sayle's machine.

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HOOPER TIDE IN OREGON AT STRONG FLOOD

Politicians and Others Are Watching Onward Sweep of Presidential Candidate Possibilities.

New York World Sends Queries for Expression of Views on Hoover; Republicans Hesitant.

Politicians, and those who can not be so classed, more and more are giving definite thought to Herbert C. Hoover as a possible candidate for president of the United States. They feel the ground-swell under their feet and they are wondering how strong it is, how wide it extends, and whether it will continue to grow with the passing days.

Undoubtedly there is a strong Hoover sentiment in Oregon, not confined by party lines but fostered by the thought that Hoover, as a man and by executive accomplishment, is presidential timber. How deep seated this sentiment is or will grow to be is information the political leaders of both parties would like to know.

WORLD PUTS QUESTION

The New York World, which is advocating the candidacy of Hoover, wants to know what opinion H. B. Van Duzer, as president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, holds of Hoover as a candidate. It has wired him as follows: "The World endorses Herbert C. Hoover as presidential candidate. Will you kindly wire your opinion of Mr. Hoover as candidate and possible president, signing your name and title, and oblige?" This same message, or one similar, has been received by the heads of other organizations in Portland, and elsewhere in the state.

But the World is not the only source from which the inquiry as to Hoover's possible strength is coming. There is, at the present time, a systematic effort being made to gather definite information from all quarters of the state as to his potential strength as a possible candidate. This comes from sources outside of Oregon and it seeks a popular and strictly nonpartisan expression of public sentiment. It is not being conducted in the name of any party, and, on the other, and so far as is known, does not come from any organization fostered by or known to Mr. Hoover.

But Hoover sentiment is to be found without the aid of any political microscope, among the high men and leaders in both the Republican and the Democratic parties in the state. Dr. Morrow, Democratic national committee agent for Oregon, and J. D. Farrell, vice president of the O-W. R. & N., and J. P. O'Brien, will resume his former relationship with the O-W. as general manager.

These and other announcements were made Saturday evening by Carl R. Gray, the new president of the Union Pacific, who arrived in this city with a number of other system and local officials at 9:30 o'clock. Gray is making a thorough inspection of all the properties of the Union Pacific.

Arriving on the O-W. lines last Saturday, Gray says he has made "a more exhaustive survey of the local lines between Portland and Huntington and Portland and Seattle, than any other portion of the system. The party traveled in a special train of six cars."

Accompanying the president were E. E. Calvin, federal manager of the U. P., and O. S. L., who is to become vice president in charge of operations on the system; H. M. Adams, vice president of the U. P. system in charge of traffic; J. D. Farrell, vice president of the O-W. J. L. Haugh, assistant to Gray; E. E. Adams, consulting engineer of the U. P., and R. L. Huntley, chief engineer of the O-W. In addition there were a number of secretaries.

TRAFFIC OFFICIAL HERE

Local officials of the O-W., who arrived with the party, were J. P. O'Brien, federal manager; M. J. Buckley, general manager; F. W. Johnson, traffic manager; William McMurray, general passenger agent; H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent; S. Murray, chief engineer, and B. E. Palmer, superintendent.

"Movement of any of the local offices to Omaha has never been considered."

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Either of Parties Might Adopt "Damp" Plank in Platform

By David Lawrence (Copyright, 1920.)

Washington, Jan. 31.—All those people who would like to have the privilege of buying, making, distributing or drinking light wines and beers need only make a noise so that they may be counted, and if numerically they would appear to exceed those who wanted America kept as dry as the Sahara, they are likely to prevail upon one of the big political parties to put a plank in their next election platform to that effect.

Naturally the question of how to keep the saloon extinct and the perils of whiskey from those who drink it to excess and at the same time provide the American people with the light wines and beers they want for social occasions, has been the subject of much discussion in Washington, where the political leaders in Washington, who are inclined not exactly to be "wet," but a trifle

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LET PEOPLE DECIDE

Seriously, one of the most powerful men in the Democratic party informed me that he saw no reason why either political party should not go before the people and ask them to elect a congress that would give the country light wines and beer. His reasoning was this:

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Talking With Mars Planned By Scientist

Dr. Rogers Believes Communication Will Be Had With Planet Within One Year.

Hyattsville, Md., Jan. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Now the Martians are going to be educated.

Dr. James Harris Rogers, who has devoted his life to the study of electric waves, and who invented the underground and undersea wireless used during the war, declared at his home here today that he is going to undertake to teach the inhabitants of Mars the rudiments of intelligence of this planet. Within a year wireless communication will be established with Mars, Dr. Rogers believes.

"I intend to tune my receiving instrument to 100,000 meters and hope to get signals from another planet," said Dr. Rogers. "All that is being said about radio communication with the planets is of course mere speculation. It is known that electro magnetic waves travel with the speed of light—186,000 miles a second. The distance at which these waves can be received depends not only upon the power of the transmitting machine but very largely upon the efficiency of the receiving device."

"Mr. Marconi states that the supposed signals from Mars were received on instruments tuned to about 100,000 meters. The longest waves used by us is about 17,000 meters. If the Martians are sending their signals they are using this long wave length so as not to be confused by any signals used on this planet."

Dr. Rogers plans to use numerals first in his communications with Mars, then he will teach the alphabet next, and finally he will give the Martians the benefit of an education such as the schools of this sphere furnish.

Four of the men going into the box Saturday were Turre and Robinson. Ferguson's place had not yet been filled at the time of adjournment. As soon as this challenge is cancelled the defense will be able to exercise challenge of two jurors.

THE ROTATION will be one and two for the state and defense, respectively, until their limits of six and 12, respectively, are reached, if necessary.

ATTORNEYS ARE PLEASED

With this in prospect, there are indications now that the jury may not be finally assembled until Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

At closing time, however, attorneys for both sides were well pleased with the progress made, as it was predicted at the first of the week, and early indications bore this out, that the first 12 might not be chosen in a much longer period.

Four of the veniremen called Saturday afternoon, including one woman, were ill, suffering, it was reported, from influenza. Judge Wilson had a stack of letters on his desk from physicians asking him to excuse the jury members of the summoned takersmen are suffering from the popular complaint. Dan Cloud, editor of the Montezuma Vidette, who has been in the court room during the week, is reported to be seriously ill.

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Auto Owners' Days Of Grace Are Over

The days of grace for the tardy auto driver will end tonight. The entire police department has been ordered to arrest motorists beginning Monday operating their automobiles with 1919 license tags. The records of the license department show that at least 20,000 people in the state have not applied for their licenses. Last year \$5,352 licenses were taken out. The highest number delivered in Portland Saturday was 6,164.

Mexico Insists U. S. Flyers Must Explain

Laredo, Texas, Jan. 31.—(U. P.)—Lieutenants Grimes and Davis, American aviators held in Mexico following their forced landing at Guerrero last week, have been turned over to Mexican military authorities, according to advices reaching here tonight from United States Ambassador Randolph Robertson.

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