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Minimum Temperatures Wednesday:

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The Non-Partisan League From day to day, the story of the rise of the Non-Partisan league in North Dakota is being told on the editorial page of The Journal. The narrative is printed in antici-pation of the drive by the league in Oregon, announced to begin in about 80 days.

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A Third Party

His move logical. Reactionaries ridicule him. Nation tired of policians. The way the wind blows.

By David Lawrence

Washington, March 31.-Herbert Hoover has disclosed the conditions under which he would support the Republican ticket and the circumstances under which he would accept the presidential nomination if offered to him. This is not a surprise but a logical first move toward the effective use of the name and personality of Herbert Hoover to rush not merely the professional diticians in both Republican and Democratic parties but to prevent the two parties from adopting either an extreme reactionary or extreme radical viewpoint in their respective MAY BOLT PARTY

There is another move coming. I bably will make it clear just why Herbert Hoover could not accept the thought of the country and a willingness sion was taken on each member. will not support the Republican ticket. to support a third and independent ticket.

This part of the program is not yet admitted by Hoover supporters, but in the event that the Republican convention eral constructive platform on the treaty One of the two women members. Miss and on our economic issues," or if Margaret L. Smith, spoke in favor of it falls to propose measures for sound exputsion. Speaker Thaddeus Sweet also at the exclusive Union club. She at- DAIRYMEN ACCEPT business administration of the country" took the floor to urge ousting of the So- tended, accompanied by her little sister. and is either reactionary or radical in cialists. lems, or if it is not "backed by men who was 116 to 28. The vote on Waldman undoubtedly assure the consummation of was 115 to 28 and the vote on Dewitt policies and measures," Hoover and Orr was 104 to 40. HAS PREEDOM OF CHOICE

He says nobody has a right to dictate a party shall do, but an individual ias a right to say what ticket and platform he will support. So Hoover has paved the way for a

ent of the Republican convention upon its merits and not by reason of hy previous obligation to support a with which he is "naturally aftiliated." He is free to accept or reject and called for a vote on Waldman, the for as his individual support is con-

Hoover a week later by the Democratic convention at San Francisco? chances are against if, as Hoover is not a Democrat, even though he supported Wilson's appeal in 1918 for democratic congress. He will apply to the Democratic platform and nominee the same test he has outlined for the Republican platform.

BURLESON STILL REIGNS

The Democrats already have been in power for seven years and those who are in a position to know Herbert Hoover's mind intimately say he is somewhat disappointed with the way the Democrats have administered the government in those seven years. He refers to incompetency in high quarters and is unable to understand

how the Democrats have any right to call themselves forward looking or pro-gressive when President Wilson has repeatedly ignored not merely the over-whelming sentiment of the Democrata of the country, expressed to him by the Democratic chairman, Homer Cummings, out the demand of non-partisans also that Postmaster General Burleson be HOOVER FOR PROHIBITION

Another thing, Hoover is a dry, a thorough dry. He looks askance at the vet inclinations of the Democrats. ough he may have views upon certain endments to the Voistead act, which uld make that law less offensive to individual liberty, he hasn't any leannt. He thinks prohibition is a good hing and that national efficiency will noted by its enforcement.

Hoover's declarations on the treaty show that he doesn't approve of Presi-(Concluded on Page Two, Column Three)

New York Legislature Makes Ouick Work of Unseating Five Members Who Opposed Gov-

-The five suspended Socialist mem-Democratic nomination if offered. After bers of the New York assembly were prince by the British minister to Panthat may come another step-an an- expelled today on charges of disment that the choices of the two loyalty, following an all night de- with Miss Granberry, while the beauties of three members selected recently political parties do not satisfy the liberal bate. An individual vote of expul- of official families looked on with ill- to sift the entire controversy exist-The five Socialists are: August Claessens, Louis Waldman

Charles Solomon, Samuel Orr and Samuel A. Dewitt. Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosenot adopt a "forward looking, lib. velt led the fight for re-seating them.

EXPULSION BRINGS CHEERS

As the final vote was taken, a fire of applause spread over the assembly by the Canal Zone telephone system. chamber. The crowd in the gallery The youthful hair to the British cheered announcement of the result throne made a tremendous hit with the The assemblymen, worn from the night people, especially the Americans, by his of bitter debate, roused themselves for democratic and independent manners, The vote came immediately after

Speaker Sweet completed his address. The speake, nounted the rostrum first of the men to be balloted on.
A bush fell over the chamber as the A buzz of conversation started on the

floor of the house and in the galleries as the roll call proceeded. VERDICT MUST STAND. The first cheer came when the speaker

declared that the seat of Orr was vacant. The cheering lasted several minutes. Speaker Sweet refused to make any statement on the result, except to say : "The result speaks for itself."

Unless a special session of the legislature is called the governor cannot call a special election to fill the vacancies creted by expelling the five Socialists. The constitution prohibits calling of a special election to fill vacancies in the legislature after April 1, unless there is an extraordinary session

Multnomah's Rudder Damaged; Steamer Is Towed to Portland

Astoria, April 1 .- The steamer Multnomah, which encountered trouble off the mouth of the river Wednesday morning, started for Portland Wednesday night under her own power. When she arrived in the harbor here at 7:30 in tow of the Oneonta, it was learned that the trouble was in conrection with the rudder, but not in-The tiller or handle on the rudder

head, through which the cables run back and forth, became twisted, making it impossible to steer the boat. The Multnomah arrived in the local

harbor early this morning, berthing at

Panama Girl Wins M

Miss Caroline Granherry clerk in the Canal Zone store at Balboa, and daughter of an electrician, won the devoted ernment During World War. attention of the prince while he was an unusually beautiful girl, upset part Albany, N. Y., April 1 .-- (U. P.) of the cut-and-dried program.

ama the royal guest danced six comes

board the Renown he made certain that who gave an exhibition of shadow danc-The vote on Solomon and Claessens ing which won applause from the prince

> Granberry was singled out by the prince when the dancing began. Miss Granberry's father is employed

it is unconstitutional for the city to purchase and maintain the rails ing of the commission. At the same operate cars thereon, why did he not posed to lay a track to the St. Johns terminal and enter into agreement with the company to operate cars

If the city council desires to follow he lead of the city attorney and ignore ice commission made in behalf of the car riders of Portland, time and energy will be saved to all by quickly saying

The recommendations of the public service commission contemplate neither tribute nor subsidy to the company nor the advancing of moneys for its benefit If the city council follows La Roche's guidance, it-might present a solution to the voters of the city in May in lieu of the recommendations of the public servce commission.

These are salient points in the answer of Commissioners Buchtel and Williams of the public service commission to the opinion given by Attorney La Roche that ownership and maintenance of the rails of the Portland Railway. Light & Power is unconstitutional if the corporation is permitted to operate cars

commission lay tracks to the St. Johns states the report in fixing the rate at terminal and enter into an agreement with the railway company to operate cars to the terminal Although it is understood the dock commission has not yet made an ap-propriation for the extension, it is known that plans for laying the track are rapidly maturing. His opinion in recent case came "as a distinct surprise," the commissioners say. They quote from La Roche's testimony in the earing on the St. Johns case, in which he took the stand that the city could

lay tracks on which cars of the utility were to operate. Their statement follows: (a) Coulty the existing acts of the legislature creating and defining the powers of the Port of Portland.

(b) Amend the existing acts so as to empower the Port of Portland to acquire from the city of Portland to acquire from the city of Portland the docks and terminal facilities now under the were fully advised of the constitutional invisition of the constitutional "The commission have as yet not had provision referred to in the press reports, and had, preceeding the issuance of our opinion, given the matter con siderable thought.

"Commissioner Williams, an attorney and a resident of Grants Pass, had ex (Concluded on Page Two, Column One)

Oregon Senator Is Greatly Improved

Washington, April 1 .- (WASH-INGTON BUREAU OF THE JOUR-NAL.) -The operation undergone by Senator Chamberlain yesterday for removal of an abscess from his ear was reported today to have left no ill effects. The operation was fully successful, although the senator probably will be detained at his apartments for several days.

U. S. Controls Wilson's Reply Washington, April 1 .- (I. N. S.)-

Recommendation of Committee of 3 to Be Effective as Soon as tives in response to a resolution Producers and Distributors Can passed by the house asking the Adjust Selves to the Change, Germany.

A reduction of 2 cents a quart in the price of milk was recommended ing between producers and distrib utors of milk in Portland.

The new change in price is expected to take effect as soon as producers and The fair charmer of the royal prince commission's recommendations, which is expected within the next day or two The reduced price will remain effective The Oregon Dairymen's league an-

nounced this afternoon that it would accause of a pledge made to the mayor. Under the recommendation of the commission, the producers' price will be reduced 70 cents a hundred pounds-from \$3.90 to \$3.20 a hundred pounds gross.

The price received from consumers by the dealers will be reduced from 15 to 13 cents a quart, the reduction of 2 cents a quart being equivalent to a reduction of 92 cents a hundred pounds. LOSS IS ALLEGED "The milk commission is asking the pro-

ducers to furnish milk to Portland at less than the cost of production," said hree months that the finding will be in and abroad. ffect, a serious loss. But the dairymen, who are members of the league, will do because a pledge was given by Mayor Baket that we would abide by the findfact that the commission did not con- senate. sider the formal evidence relative to our position which we are in process of pre- recognition that it is, and must remain heard us informally. I believe the commission's action is hasty, ill advised and not in accord with the facts. It will have the effect of hastening the reorganization of the league dairymen under the plan which will, in the future, give first. them a control they now lack of their wn interests and assure them of receiving for milk the cost of production. DOWN TO 18 CENTS

According to the commission's report which producers and distributors agreed to accept at the time of appointment the price will fall to 13 cents to the con-The report was signed by Dr. E. H. Pence, chairman, John Y. Rich ardson and William Cornfoot. "Reduction in the price of milk will encourage and enable the consumer to use more milk, which will compensate price," says the report.

Price of milk to distributors will be \$3.20 gross, the commission recommending that producer and distributor each care for matters of surplus for which the public has no concern. In establishing the new rate the commission points out that the price to condenseries located out of the state is \$2.60 a hundred pounds while the price to Portland distributors is \$3.60 a hundred pounds. HOW IT IS DONE "Difference of \$1:30 a hundred pounds The commissioners point out that

can easily absorb a reduction of 70 cents a short time. La Roche, as attorney for the city and can easily absorb a reduction of 70 cents dock commission, suggested that the a hundred pounds to the consumer. Ease of improvement in the method of

feels that the Dairymen's league had not office. aandling the dairyman's problem as evithe plant

Laundy, Portland radical labor leader charged with criminal syndicalism, were begun before Circuit Judge H. H. Belt this morning by Deputy District Attorney Earl C. Bernard. House Committee As Bernard is reading most of the documents introduced in evidence, he is expected to take up most of the afternoon. Defense Attorney George Vanderveer will follow. The case will probably go to the jury

Ruling that a resolution of the exec utive board of the L. W. W. favoring the so-called Third Internationale agree-ment with the Russian Bolshevists, did not represent an expression of the en-tire I. W. W., Judge Belt this morning refused to permit the state to introduce the resolution as evidence.

controlled solely by the United States, President Wilson today in- Opposition of Penrose and Antiformed the house of representastatus of the American troops in "General Foch has no authority to

direct the United States troops in the Rhineland territory," President Wilson wrote. He declared that General Allen, By William Philip Simms in command of the forces in Germany, has full power to police that territory the United States, the president de-

THIRD PARTY LED BY HOOVER PREDICTED

American troops in Germany are

Frank O. Lowden, governor of cept the finding of the commission under Illinois, filed his declaration of can-protest and at loss to the dairymen, be-didacy for the Republican nomina-The milk dealers in conference were tion as president with the secretary considering an appeal from the finding, of state of Oregon today. His declaration was taken to Salem by The Lowden platform consisting of 13

"Immegiate return to an efficient, ec of public affairs. "Reduction in taxes.

"Abolition of numerous agen-Albert S. Hall speaking for the Oregon at enormous expense in times of peace. Dairymen's league. "The commission is "A protective tariff measured by the asking the dairymen to face, during the difference in cost of production at home "A protective tariff measured by the "Rigid insistence upon government by

all the people and not by any class. "Ratification of the peace treaty with reservations substantially as proposed time attention must be called to the by the foreign relations committee of the "Encouragement of agriculture and

our most important industry. "Exclusion or deportation of aliens

who place the red flag above our own. "Stalwart, uncompromising Americanism which puts this country's interests "International friendships, not inter-

national partnerships. "Fearless enforcement of law "A speedy return to normal relations

"Justice to all." Governor Lowden is the second of the

list of active candidates to place his candidacy officially on record at the state capitol. Senator Johnson entered list some weeks ago. General petitions have been in circula tion for three weeks and the tag ends of the Multnomah county work are now being gathered together preparatory placing the Wood petitions on file during the 'next few days. Seemingly the Wood managers are seeking to file a peition containing a long list of names many in excess of the 1000 required by law, for whatever psychological effect it may have on the voters of the state. Senator Poindexter will file his declaration in person when he comes to Oregon for the extended tour of the state which is contemplated by him. The Hoover petitions are now in circulation and will be sent to Salem within

WEBSTER AGAIN SEEKS TO BE VICE PRESIDENT

April 1 .- William Grant Webdistribution as well as the promise of ster of New York city, who was nomi- over the other candidates. an enlarged market in June owing to nated by the Oregon Republicans as the influx of visitors are telling fac-their choice for vice president of the Senator Jim Watson of Indiana in the tors says the report, in making the United States in the primaries four senate and Representative Fess of Ohlo reduction in prices. The commission years ago, filed today for the same in the house, utterly refuse to forget Webster was the only yet reached the point of efficiency in presidential candidate on the Repub- of a Democratic congress in the fall denced by the low percentage of purity ago, and Oregon was the only state to the voters, urging them to return a of the surplus product passing through which he carried, according to his own congress that would sustain the presiadmission.

nating petition received by Sam A. is not forgotten now. Kozer, deputy secretary of state, this morning, Webster declares his opposithe League of Nations, with or without reservations. He also de- an internationalist clares himself as favorable to forcible bearer. It will demand a leader whose interventions in Mexico if necessary, for Americanism is not in question nor reedom of speech and of the press, whose political views are a matter of and for universal military training. Other candidates filing today were: try to contest the fallacies of the Wil-T. L. Davidson, Salem, Republican,

indidate for state representative from Marion county. W. S. Burleigh. Enterprise, Demo-crat, candidate for district attorney for Wallowa county.

Votes for Peace Washington, April 1 .- (I. N. S.)

The house foreign affairs committee this afternoon reported out favorably the resolution, introduced in the house yesterday by Chairman the war with Germany.

along party lines.

League of Nations Elements May Compel Hoover to Form Third Party, Say Wiseacres.

sternational News Service Staff Correspondent Washington, April 1 .- (I. N. S.) --Republican opposition to the candidacy of Herbert Hoover for the pres idential nomination at Chicago has risen to such a pitch here that it was freely predicted today around political headquarters that 1912 will be repeated with the former food administrator playing the role of The Republican "old guard" insist em

phatically that Hoover can never be nominated on any ticket that they have anything to do with. The Johnson-Borah faction of the party is just as violently opposed to his candidacy because of his stand on the League of Nations, while the Wood crowd fairly sported their derision when the name of Hoover was mentioned in their presence. MAY SPLIT PARTY In short, the combined cohorts of the

Republican party are preparing for a descent upon Hoover, which will make the avalanche which struck Colonel onomical and business administration Roosevelt at Chicago in 1912 look tike child's play. That much is admitted. The question politicians are asking themselves is how will Hoover meet the conslaught and what form will his nter-attack take. One of the answers given is, by split-

ting the party and holding a rump con-Some Republicans profess to festo," cannot win the nomination and that his real aim is a party division with himself as leader of the seceding faction, counting upon the Democratic party to organizations to the Russian soviet furnish him with sufficient votes to win the election in a three-cornered fight. HOOVER CAUSES CONSTERNATION The formation of a third party, with

Hoover at its head, is receiving serious consideration here, by both Republicans and Democrats. Such a party, it is admitted, would be at the expense of both, as the latest votes conclusively proved. The entry of Hoover into the fight for the nomination has caused consternation in the ranks of Republicans and Democrats alike. The Democrats, like the Republicans,

are facing a split at their convention Twenty-one Democratic senators deserted the administration and voted for the ratification of the treaty of Versailles as amended by the Lodge reservations. But 23 Democrats remained steadfast so today the spectre of a convention split along the same lines will not down.

BONE HEAD PLAY," M'NARY COMMENTS ON HOOVER assailant. By James R. Nourse

Washington, April 1.—Some senators who were inclined to be lukewarm in the matter of Hoover's candidacy, now believe he has made a mistake by coming into the open as a candidate. Senato McNary of Oregon, for instance, a fellow alumnus of Houser at Stanford university, characterized Hoover's announcement as a "bone head play." his announcement for six weeks longer His announcement makes him the target for all the other contenders and ends the possibility of his being a "dark horse" in the event that the Chicago convention gets into a hopeless squabble

vice the fact that Hoover urged the election lican ballot in this state four years of 1918. Hoover's letter sent broadcast dent, was regarded by the Republican leaders as an insult at the time and it Mr. Fess gave out a statement today in which he said:

"The Republican party cannot accept speculation. We cannot go to the coun-

son administration with an internationalist as our leader. Hoover must be greatly embarrassed in seeking the nomination at the hands of the party against which he conspired to bring about its defeat in 1918. He compliments the Republicans by his unwill-ingness to stand for the leadership which he said in 1918 was alone the supreme demand. He evidently desires to be with the winner in the race."

Danes' King Confers

London, April 1 .- (L. N. 8.)-King

DANIELS HAS COAST NAVY

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(I. N. S.) -Secretary of the Navy Daniels appeared before the senate naval affairs committee in executive session this afternoon. The session, it is understood, was called at the request of Secretary Daniels and was in reference to the naval situation on the Pacific coast.

Members of the committee. being pledged to secrecy, refused to discuss the object of Secretary Daniels! appearance before them, but it was learned in other quarters that the discussion was upon matter involving Japanese activities in Pacific Daniels later denied that his

appearance before the committee had anything to do with involving Japanese activities in le Pacific. "I went before the commit-

tee," he said, "to urge immediate acceptance by the committee of my recommendations for harbor, a submarine base at San Pedro and other important naval developments on the Pa-

Efforts of the prosecution in the trial of Joseph Laundy, charged duce the third international "mani- shooting without any preliminaries. The believe that Hoover is already aware he Judge H. H. Belt this morning. The "manifesto" had elicited the pledge found in the walls of the pool hall bemended for L. W. W. adoption by the ganization, but Judge Belt held that, by the I. W. W. as a whole, the "manifesto" could not be received in

Skull Cracked When Foe Wields Gas Pipe

pipe, Ernest Roeckel, Swift packing plant he was employed as a concrete ditch employe, is in St. Vincents hospital, laborer. possibly with a fractured skull. Roeckel, the pool hall, he declared, but the other 29. living at 118 Kilpatrick street, in man did not shoot. He had known the Kenton, got in an argument with a man, pair in Seattle, the prisoner said, and according to police. His opponent for- they had abused and subjected him to got diplomacy and used force. Now physical violence. deputy sheriffs are searching for the

Japanese Losses

London, April 1 .- (I. N. S.)-Heavy Japanese losses were sustained in skir-He mishes between Russians and Japanese said Hoover would have been in a more at Nikolaivik, Siberia, said a news chief secretary for Ireland, is about to advantageous position if he had delayed agency dispatch from Osaka, Japan, resign, the Daily Express learns. Sir

Poolroom Tragedy in Which Several Shots Were Fired Has Element of Mystery; Slayer Flees, and Later Gives Self Up.

George Gomoff, 21, is dead, and Zaray Saskieff, 25, is probably dying at St. Vincents hospital as the result of a shooting affray at noon today at 2871/2 First street, where P. Vandatta conducts a pool hall. Tobo Saboff is in the county jail, having surrendered himself to the sheriff with the announcement that he had "killed two men." He had fled from the scene after the shooting. Saskieff is shot in the left chest and also through the kidney

SLAYER MAKES STATEMENT

Saboff declared to the sheriff that he has known the two men for two years and that he has had much trouble with them, because of accusations, he said, they had made against him. Saboff said he had entered the pool room and found Gomoff and Saskief, the former starting to shoot. The slayer declared three or four shots had been fired before he drew out his automatic pistol and began firing in return. All the men involved in the killing

vers Russian ditch workers, employe m a sewer job in Woodstock. Saboff is WITNESS GIVES VERSION

A. R. Edwards, who told the police saw Saboff enter the pool hall and begin weapon surrendered to the sheriff, however, showed but three shots fired from the chamber. Four bullet holes were sides those in the bodies of the victims. John Karaeff, who said he was friend of both victims, declared to his knowledge neither even knew the slayer. Gomoff resided at 349 East Eighth street and Saskieff at the Pacific hotel. Parents of both men live in Russia. Questioning through an interpreter in

the county jail by Deputy District Attorney F. M. Dempsey elicited little information as the prisoner and his interpreter did not talk the same Russian Later Saboff was taken to his room at First and Columbia streets by Dep-

nty Sheriffs Christofferson and Schirmer.

A box of cartridges and a passport

showing that he had left Russia in March, 1914, were found. Saboff, speaking broken English, said Gomoff shot at him first in

One of his victims, he said, had shot at him in Seattle several months ago. The prisoner, who is 22 years old and unmarried, said that he came to Portland about Christmas time and the men who were shot followed shortly after-Heavy in Siberia wards. Saboff's brother resides in Oakwhat he had done.

Ireland's Chief Secretary to Quit London, April 1.-Jan MacPherson, The Japanese consulate was Hamar Greenwood, a Canadian, is slated

Barnum's Ghost Lives Fools Are Perennial

"A ham sandwich for John D. had been the feature of April 1 became Rockefeller," he told the waitress. She surveyed him with a glance.

sniffed. This cuckoo got just what he deserved Webster so declares. He qualifies under rule 1, which de-

fines a fool as "a person deficient in judgment." "FOOLS" ARE ABROAD

There are many of his kind. A specia lay has to be appointed for their pranks Spring weather causes their foolish-

ness. History says so, and points to the ancient Hindu frolics held about the time vernal equinox arrives.

The custom of playing practical jokes on friends and sending them on fool errands seems certainly to have been linked with the spring festivals of old, which began on the old New Year's day, with Trade Unions March 25, and continued until April 1.

March 25, and continued until April 1.

April-fooling is an framemorial custom in India, where on the last day of the festival, March 21, the chief amusement is befooling of people by set

the house yesterday by Chairman London, April 1.—(I. N. S.)—King Christian X was in conference throughout the night at Copsiliages with the new ministry and representatives of the trades unions, said a Central News fispatch from Copenhages today. The panish sallors, firemen and Socialist uninters have joined the general strike gifts and visits of felicitation which PRENCH INSPIRE IDEA

associated with January 1, and those who disliked the change were butts for the wits who amused themselves by "We ain't showin' partiality here sending mock presents and paying calls -not this April Fool's day," she of pretended ceremony on April 1. One thing certain, there will be no money nailed to pavements this year.

Nor will there be any slik hats lying around with bricks underneath to injure feet which kick the hats out of the way. Hats cost too much. PHONES KEPT BUSY

Someone will leave a telephone call for Main 71. The county coroner is in for a busy day answering phone calls, Someone .else will waste time he ordinarily wouldn't sail for less than \$1 an hour, counting profitable the mome before some victim reaches for the empty purse tied to the end of a string, ready to be hauled out of sight.

The day's oldest and most precious 'loke" will again come trickling over the wire to every newspaper in the land. It will read: Philadelphia, April 1,-John Jones saw a pocketbook lying in the street.

He stooped to pick it up.

He straightened with a jerk.

"Another April fool joke." he said.

But it wasn't. James Doc, who

came along a minute later, picked up the purse and found \$300.

This is regarded among copy readers as a great pun. It never wears out. They always run it on April Fool's day.

Kerr Upholds Port Suggestions Urged By Committee of 15

10,000,000 port program proposed y the committee of 15 is the subject f an opinion by J. B. Kerr, memer of the committee, which was iven to The Journal today. The committee of 15 recommends that

e port commission absorb the dock erate under the authority of the state ther than the city. It proposes that a dock commission transfer to the port mmission title to dock properties rth many millions of dollars and built public expense. It suggests that the tire personnel of both commissions stitute the new ports commission for period of one year, at which time merged commission would reduce its bership from 12 to nine members, as vacancies occurred in the new commission these would be filled election by the state legislature.

POSITION DEVELOPS uch melination to this procedure developed. It has been stated that commit Portland's port policy and ure to a commission created by the islature would be as unwelcome as further project to divest the city of title to port terminal properties. cerr takes the position, however, that legally necessary to proceed approxi-tely as recommended by the commit-of th. His opinion reads: Reference to the plan of consolida-

An important contingency of the | tion proposed will show that it contemplates the submission to the voters of the state at the November, 1920, election of an initiative bill which will; (a) Codify the existing acts of the leg-

> (c) Authorize the port to issue bonds (c) Authorize the port to issue bonds to provide funds for the proposed physical development of the harbor and industrial areas, and (d) Name as commissioners of the port the present personnel with provision for adding the present members of the dock commission in the event that the port shall acquire the docks and terminal facilities from the city, and (e) Provide that the successors of the (e) Provide that the successors of the commissioners of the Port of Portland shall be chosen by the legislature.

jurisdiction of the commission of public

"It is of the utmost importance to observe that one of the necessary functions of the reorganized Port of Portland commission will be the power to levy taxes on the property within the territorial boundaries of the port. It would be extremely unwise to undertake to vest this power in a body created in such a way that the exercise of the power of taxation should be in any degree doubt-ful. By the decision of the suprems court of Oregon in Cook versus Port of (Concluded on Page Two, Column One)

POLICY CALLED UNWISE

Heir Democratic: Yankees Pleased Panama, April 1 .- (I. N. S.) -The Prince of Wales sailed for San Diego, Cal., on the British battleship Renown today with pleasant memories of his visit to the Canal Zone.