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It's All Here and It's All True THE WEATHER—Tonight and Wednesday, occasional rain; south to west winds. Minimum temperature Monday: Portland, 42; New York, 46; Los Angeles, 50; New Orleans, 54; Chicago, 28; St. Paul, 25.

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NEWBERG HAS FIRST OREGON HOOVER RALLY

Town Where Former Food Administrator Went Barefoot as Boy Pledges Support to His Candidacy to Its Fullest Strength.

Newberg, Or., April 13.—(U. P.)—The first Hoover rally in Oregon was held last night in Newberg—where Herbert Hoover went barefoot when a boy of 10, 11 and 12.

Ralph C. Ely, former food administrator for the state of New Mexico, who is on a speaking tour of the Pacific Northwest in the interests of the Hoover campaign, was the speaker.

Mr. Ely was one of many speakers at the meeting which addressed the meeting informally and recalled incidents in the early life of "Bert" Hoover, as the former federal food administrator is known in the little town of Newberg.

N. C. Maria told of giving Hoover his first "job." "Bert" lived at the home of Maria, who paid the boy \$1 a week to do chores.

"That may seem like a small wage to-day, even for a boy," said Maria, "but it is 52 times more than what was paid him when Uncle Sam gave him a job." A resolution which was adopted at the rally here last night was today forwarded to Hoover. It pledged the presidential candidate as many votes in the Republican primary at Newberg as were cast for Hughes here at the general election.

The occasion was a noon luncheon given by the club at the Portland hotel.

HOOPER NOT SELF-ANNOUNCED OR SELF-PRaised, SAYS ELY

Herbert Hoover is not a self-announced or self-praised candidate," Ralph C. Ely, former chairman of the Republican state central committee of New Mexico and during the war food administrator of that state, told the members and guests of the Hoover Republican club of the merits of their leader at noon today.

"The occasion was a noon luncheon given by the club at the Portland hotel." (Concluded on Page Two, Column Three)

ILLINOIS VOTES HER PREFERENCE TODAY

Chicago, April 13.—(U. P.)—Illinois was to indicate her preference for the presidency today—the choice being between a favorite son as a successor to Lincoln and Grant, and a distinguished military officer with a national record of achievement.

Interest in today's election was confined to the Republican party. General Wood and Governor Frank O. Lowden of the O. P. were the regular candidates for the preference. In the Democratic party there were no presidential candidates. Interest there was confined to the election of a new state officer.

Excellent weather brought tens of thousands to the polls early today. Indications were that a record vote would be polled.

WIFE IS NOT RINDING

The preferential vote is not binding upon delegates to the national convention. Many candidates for the delegation are pledged to Governor Lowden and are bound to support him, regardless of the popular choice. General Wood had no pledged candidates for delegates.

Women voted for their presidential candidates in Chicago and various localities, the right being granted or denied by election authorities' interpretation of the primary law.

Wood Gives Up Tour to Return to Army Because of Rail Strike

General Leonard Wood has given up his leave of absence and canceled all his speaking engagements, it was announced today at the Wood campaign headquarters here.

General Wood will resume his duties as commander of the Central department of the army.

General Wood was given three months' leave of absence in which to tour the country, speaking in behalf of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for president.

The leave of absence was not scheduled to expire until early in June, just before the national Republican convention. General Wood has given up his leave because of the critical situation brought about by the railway strike, it was announced.

WOOD'S CHICAGO MANAGERS ARE GREATLY SURPRISED

Chicago, April 13.—(U. P.)—Managers of General Wood's presidential campaign were greatly surprised at the announcement of the general's cancellation of his eastern speaking tour and express the belief that he must have acted in the matter on his own initiative, believing the strike situation here to be as serious as it was in the East.

Wood Order Denied

Washington, April 13.—(U. P.)—The war department announced today that it had denied the order of Major General Leonard Wood to end his leave of absence, and if he had returned to duty it was of his own volition.

STARKWEATHER IN SENATORIAL RACE

Harvey G. Starkweather today sprung a surprise on those not "inside" when he announced both his resignation from the office of chairman of the Democratic state central committee and his candidacy for election as United States senator.

Starkweather's resignation was accepted at a quiet meeting of the executive committee of the state central committee and J. D. Brown of Portland was selected chairman.

As state chairman, Starkweather became a storm center when he declined, with others of the committee, to recognize Mr. J. W. Morrow as a delegate to the National convention.

Starkweather's announcement of candidacy was entirely unexpected in Democratic ranks. His partiality to the Frank Stott Myers side of the recent wrangle that unseated Myers as postmaster of Portland occasioned some disapproval among the party.

Starkweather is a native Oregonian. He was born near Milwaukie, Clackamas county, June 20, 1868, and has had a very active career, especially along educational lines.

Bill Would Permit Making Light Beer

Boston, April 13.—(U. P.)—A bill to permit the manufacture in Massachusetts of beer of 2.75 per cent alcoholic strength was favorably reported by a legislative committee on legal affairs today. The vote was 9 to 6.

TWO PAPER LAND WOMEN LISTED BY BLUEBEARD

J. P. Watson of Many Aliases and 21 Wives, Six of Whom Are Believed Murdered, Had International Matrimonial Views:

Los Angeles, April 13.—(U. P.)—Definite knowledge of the identity of J. P. "Bluebeard" Watson's 21 wives, six of whom are strangely missing with murder as the possible cause, developed here today as the first positive phase of the exhaustive investigation being conducted by county authorities in Watson's astounding criminal career.

Here are the wives engulfed in the mystery which surrounds their being listed as "missing": Mrs. Florence Sherred, Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Agnes Wilson Harvey, Vancouver, and Alberta, Canada; Mrs. Bertha Goodnick Gordon, Spokane; Alice M. Ludvigson-Hilton, Seattle; Nina Lee Deloney-Harvey, San Francisco, and Gertrude Wilson Watson, Edmonton, Canada.

Here are the "wives" identified and accounted for: Mrs. M. Briggs, Portland, Or.; Mrs. Sarah Durham, Spokane; Kathryn Watson, Portland; Alma Estelle Snyder, Spokane; Mrs. Elizabeth S. Milliken, Milliken, Colo.; Mrs. Lillian Pipher, Spokane; Beatrice M. Lewis, address unknown; Mrs. C. N. Andrews, address unknown; Mrs. H. E. Lawrence, Hanger, Texas; Mrs. Elizabeth Williamson, Sacramento, now here aiding in the inquiry; Mrs. James R. Hult, address unknown; Emily J. Rose, address unknown; and the following others, whose addresses are yet undetermined:

Tax receipts, bank pass books and other personal papers belonging to these women were found in the home of Watson. (Concluded on Page Three, Column Four)

Brother-in-Law Is Charged With Plot Against Man's Life

Walla Walla, Wash., April 13.—Benjamin Gunderson of Russborough, Saskatchewan, narrowly escaped with his life here Sunday as a result of being shot by his brother-in-law, who shot at him on his appearance here with a revolver, according to Gunderson's statement to the police.

Gunderson came here, he said, as the result of a letter written by Melton's son to a sister, in which the boy asked his father to send him their uncle Gunderson, come here with \$500 in cash and two blankets to settle up his father's estate. The letter further stated that Melton had been killed in an automobile accident.

Following his discharge, the boy tried to meet every train arriving in Walla Walla, but missed the one when he arrived Sunday because he did not meet the one at Melton's house at 4 a. m. G. J. Melton is under arrest by the city police and the boy, Arnold, is being held by the county probation officer.

Commissioners Are In Dilemma Over Low General Fund

City commissioners are in a dilemma as to what action can be taken to reimburse the general fund of the city, which has dwindled down to \$7000.

Outside of budget allowances completed last November the \$7000 must cover city expenses, the remainder of the fiscal year. From \$200 to \$400 is expended at each council meeting to meet various contingencies.

Commissioner Pter, in charge of the bureau of finance, has indicated that he will recommend Wednesday that Mayor Baker appoint a special committee to devise ways and means of raising additional revenues. Budget appropriations in various departments may be trimmed to assure additional revenues.

Woman to Retract Bribery Charge in Pickford Proceeding

Carson City, Nev., April 13.—(U. P.)—A sworn statement retracting the charges made by Mrs. Sadie Brown Gardnerville, who said that Nelson of Douglas county had received money in connection with the Pickford divorce, will be published here this afternoon by the Carson City Appeal.

At the same time Attorney General Fowler reiterated his previous announcement that the suit to set aside the Pickford-Moore divorce will be filed in Douglas county this week.

CABINET IS CALLED BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(U. P.)—President Wilson has called a meeting of his cabinet for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, it was announced today at the White House.

This will be the first occasion on which the president has sat with the departmental secretaries since he left for his western trip last August.

STRIKE TO END IF NEW BOARD ACTS

Striking switchmen in the Portland district would return to their work immediately if the new railroad labor board appointed by President Wilson this morning would guarantee to take up the matter of wage adjustment for the switchmen immediately, and all men involved in the local walkout were taken back to their old positions under the seniority that prevailed before the walkout.

This statement was made this afternoon by one of the leaders in the Portland walkout. In making the statement he said that his expression of opinion could not be regarded as official with respect to the matter being taken up and passed on at a regular meeting of the strikers. He was reasonably certain that his fellow-strikers held the same opinion.

"We have agreed not to go back to work until every man involved in the walkout has been placed in his former position with his former seniority rights. We will no doubt take up consideration of this new phase at our meeting tomorrow night." (Concluded on Page Three, Column One)

NEAR STRIKE IS ON AT STATE HOSPITAL

Salem, April 13.—Demanding the immediate discharge of John W. (Happy) Gordon, a paroled man, from the state prison, and the reinstatement of any employe discharged Monday night as a labor agitator, an ultimatum signed by 22 attendants at the state hospital for the insane was served on Superintendent R. E. Lee Steiner this morning.

Superintendent Steiner instructed the attendants that any employe who instituted any strike or who refused his policies was at liberty to call for his wages and leave his employ.

The petitioners signing the ultimatum will carry their grievances before the state labor court which has agreed to give them a hearing at a special meeting this afternoon.

Little Girl Loses Life When Creek Bank Gives Way

Walla Walla, Wash., April 13.—Amy R. Brundson, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brundson of Starbuck, while playing with other children near her home, fell into a creek and was drowned when the bank gave way.

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Japanese Troops Are Stubbornly Resisted; Russ Loss Is Heavy

Tokio, April 8.—(Delayed.)—Japanese troops encountered stubborn resistance in the Habarovsk and Nikolai regions, according to the war office communique issued today.

SELECT THEM TO OBTAIN LAND

Roseburg Thronged With Home-Stealers and Squatters Who Desire Oregon & California Grant Lands; Some Compain.

Roseburg, April 13.—Hundreds of ex-service men from all parts of the United States, squatters and home-stealers, thronged Roseburg today while the filings on Oregon & California grant lands were continued at the United States land office.

In this district 360,000 acres are being thrown open to settlement.

Monday 110 applications for land were made. Today there was still a large number on hand waiting to file. The crowd is being handled expeditiously by the land office officials.

When the offices in the federal building were thrown open Monday the corridors of the building and the sidewalks adjacent to it were jammed. To facilitate the handling of applicants, who were served in turn as they appeared in line, numbers up to 100 were issued and applicants were cared for as rapidly as clerks could answer their questions.

By far the greatest number of filings are being made by ex-service men. All such made Monday were listed as of May 8, as also were those of squatters who have resided on the lands the specified time. Besides those actually filing a great number sought information regarding available lands.

Many applicants from the East are disposed to resent what they claim has been misrepresentation of the character of the land open to entry. They show clippings from eastern newspapers to substantiate their stories that the opportunities here had been misrepresented to them. "The squatters all time this morning in the Portland district, each watching the other carefully for the first action that may end the strike deadlock in the local yards, relations were exactly the same as Monday.

Hope is high today in the ranks of the railroad and union leaders. These two factions claim they can see the light that means the end of the strike. The railroad officials are confident of an unwavering front and, as far as action is concerned, the triangle existing locally will become "eternal."

For the first time since the walkout occurred, railroad and union officials and railroad officials agree on the number of men off duty. This seemed to be the most unusual feature of the day's inactivity.

AGREE ON NUMBER OUT

The men involved in the walkout announced following a meeting Monday night that of 343 switchmen normally employed in the Portland yards, 232 were out, leaving a total of 51 on duty. After a complete check by the railroads the strike officials announced that the same number—51—were available for duty.

The only favorable report this morning was made by the Southern Pacific railroad officials, who announced that three full crews, or nine men, had been signed for duty in the Brooklyn yards on the first trick today.

TEEP CONTINUES COMPLETE

At the North Cambus yards of the S. P. & S. the strike remains 100 per cent effective, but officials were hoping to place one crew on duty this evening. At the Albany yards of the O. W. conditions were exactly the same as Monday, with six crews on the first, one on the second and one on the third trick.

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DOLLAR DAY IS APPROVED

Plan Advised by Subcommittee Calls for Extra Tax of Half of One Per Cent to Meet Service Men's Needs; Exemptions.

Washington, April 13.—(U. P.)—A cash bonus of \$1 for each day's service would be given to approximately 3,000,000 of the 4,500,000 men in the army, navy and marine corps during the war under a plan that has been approved by the bonus subcommittee of the house ways and means committee, it was learned today.

The program, which will be submitted to the full committee for approval during this week, calls for an expenditure of slightly less than \$1,000,000,000, which is to be raised by a tax of 1/2 per cent on all sales. It is considered very likely that this plan will be one which will be submitted to the house in the near future.

With the purpose of limiting the bonus to those who made heavy financial sacrifices during the war, the subcommittee has eliminated several classes of service men from the groups entitled to benefits. The total number eliminated being estimated at 1,800,000.

Those who served less than 60 days, because these men already have received the original \$60 bonus.

Men who were assigned to "industrial plants, such as shipbuilding, and selected extra compensation therefor.

Men in the regular army before the declaration of war.

Men who, while serving in the army, received compensation from their employers or business interests.

No man would be given the bonus until he applied for it, and this, it is believed, would reduce the total expenditure, as many service men who have wealth are not expected to ask the extra compensation. The application is to contain an affidavit that the soldier is in any of the above classes.

The plan calls for payment of the bonus in four equal installments and the sales taxes are to be collected in the corresponding periods.

The average service, the subcommittee has been informed, is 10 months, making the average bonus about \$300.

Men who were promoted to be commissioned officers would be paid only for the time they served as enlisted men.

The committee is now waiting for estimates from the treasury department as to exactly how much can be raised by the tax on sales, but preliminary estimates place the amount at about \$1,000,000,000. The levying of this tax would be in the nature of an experiment, as there is sentiment in congress for having it replace some of the other taxes later. For the present, however, it must be in addition to all other taxes.

ST. LOUIS GAINS 85,971 IN DECADE

Washington, April 13.—(U. P.)—Preliminary 1920 population figures were announced by the census bureau today as follows: St. Louis, Mo., 1920 population, 778,900; increase, \$5,971, or 12.5 per cent; 1910 population, 487,029.

Blythe, Cal., 1920 population 1622. Vinita, Okla., 1920 population (corrected) 5010, increase 928, or 22.7 per cent; 1910 population 4082.

CHAPLAIN IS SOUGHT BY LEGION

NOT a single theologian is represented in the membership of Portland post of the American Legion, the largest post in the United States.

Franklin Korell, present chaplain of the post, wants to resign. He has entered the political race. "We'll look in the index and find out how many ministers we've got," said George Hoban, assistant secretary, confidently.

Hoban is worrying now. He couldn't find even one. "If any one would be chaplain, let him come forth," quoth George.

CONGRESS AGREES ON WATERPOWER

Washington, April 13.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The long battle in congress over waterpower legislation apparently is ended. Practical agreement was reached in conference Monday over the main questions in the controversy. The deciding vote which brought an end to the deadlock came with the return to Washington of Representative Sinnott of Oregon, one of the house conferees.

The dispute in the conference has gathered around three principal things: Terms of recapture, federal charge and distribution of funds collected by such charges.

Under the house bill the recapture provision was to effect that if the government, at the end of 56 years, does not take over a plant at net investment not greater than fair value, or fails to tender a new license on reasonable terms, the original license shall be granted from year to year.

The senate added to this qualifying language that the new license shall be one "which is accepted." Lenroot and others, during the debate, declared this equivalent to perpetual grant and predicted a presidential veto unless changed. The conferees have agreed to strike out the qualifying language, which was alleged, as too liberal to waterpower corporations.

The house bill provided for a federal charge fixed by the federal commission and the senate amended this to provide it should not exceed 25 cents per developed horsepower. The agreement reached was to limit the federal charge to a reasonable annual amount to reimburse the government for the cost of administration for occupancy of government lands and property and for absorption of the surplus.

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The receipts from states on navigable streams will go half and half to improvement of navigation and to the national treasury.

Restitution Asked From Germany for Killing of Demott

Washington, April 13.—The German government must make restitution for the death of Paul R. Demott, in the event that an investigation proves that he was murdered.

Although the state department was without information that Demott, who was arrested and sentenced to death for having participated in the Ruhr revolution, had been killed while trying to escape officials made it plain tonight that the incident would be investigated to the very bottom. Then if it developed that Demott had been murdered, as unofficial reports indicate, sharp action will be taken.

Owner of Store at Boardman Admits He Fired Building

Salem, April 13.—William Haskin, a merchant at Boardman, Morrow county, has confessed to burning his store on March 16 in order to collect \$4500 in insurance, according to a telegram received this morning by A. C. Barber, state insurance commissioner, from H. H. Pomeroy, deputy fire marshal, who has been investigating the fire. The confession was made before Sheriff Taylor and Pomeroy, the telegram states.

BOARD ASKED IN RAIL BILL IS APPOINTED

Strikers May Be Forced Back to Work Under Provision of Law Requiring Men to Remain on Job While Board Investigates.

Washington, April 13.—(U. P.)—President Wilson today appointed the railroad labor board which the Esch-Cummins bill created as final authority in railway wage disputes. The men named are:

Public representatives—G. W. W. Hanger, Washington; Henry Hunt, ex-mayor of Cincinnati, and R. M. Barton of Tennessee.

Labor representatives—Albert Phillips, A. O. Wharton and James J. Forrester.

Managers' representatives—Horace Baker, J. H. Elliott and William L. Park.

Under the terms of the Esch-Cummins law the board is a tripartite body. The railroad labor and the managers appoint three representatives, each subject to the approval of the president, who names three members to represent the public.

The senate is expected to act on the labor board nominations today unless some objection is made to them. Prompt senate action will enable the board to take action immediately on the "outlaw" strike of rail employes, which is tying up lines throughout the country.

RAIL LABOR LEADERS HAIL COMMISSION WITH PLEASURE

Chicago, April 13.—(U. P.)—News of the appointment of the members of the railroad labor board was greeted with satisfaction by railroad labor leaders here today.

"The appointment of the membership will have a very effective and beneficial result throughout the country," said S. E. Heberling, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America. "It will have a tendency to stop the spread of the strike and cause many to return to work."

"The appointment will have a wholesome effect," said W. F. Whitely, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

"I think it will have a tendency to get the men back to work right away and break the strike in a few days."

Whitely declared he had no fault to find with the personnel of the board and (Concluded on Page Two, Column Five)

BUYING OF REDDISH FARM HELD LEGAL

Salem, April 13.—The state fish and game commission, as constituted prior to the creation of the new commission by the legislature of 1920, possessed full authority to purchase the Reddish farm in Lane county for the propagation of game birds and to pay for the farm from the funds known as the "game protective fund account."

This is the finding of the Oregon supreme court in an opinion written by Justice Johns, handed down this morning in which the former Justice George G. Bingham of the Marion county circuit court, granting an injunction against the payment of claims incurred in the purchase of the farm, is reversed and the case dismissed.