

Portland and vicinity—Sunday, probably showers; moderate southwesterly winds.

WHAT ABOUT THAT LETTER? COX QUERIES

Governor's Curiosity Is Fired by Mysterious Missive From Harding to Johnson About League.

Cox Wishes Glimpse of Epistle in Which Harding Would Scrap League for Johnson Support.

By Herbert W. Walker Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 25.—(U. P.)—Governor Cox here tonight challenged Senator Harding to answer whether or not he had written a "mysterious letter" to Senator Johnson of California in which he made a "direct and absolute promise" that if elected he will "scrap the league."

Cox demanded that Harding answer the question: "Did you or did you not write Senator Johnson saying that his interpretation of your speech of acceptance was correct?"

"In short did you not, by letter, give to Senator Johnson, for the purpose of holding his support throughout the campaign, a direct and absolute promise that you were against the league as Senator Johnson was against the league?"

SCRAPPING IS DEFINED "Senator Johnson," continued Cox, "said he was going to support Harding because Harding intended to scrap the league. What do you mean by scrapping a Ford car? Is it more than throwing it in the junk heap?"

"This all bears on a very vital public question. If such a letter is in existence, it ought to be given to the people. It would certainly form an interesting part of the history of the league. This campaign move of Cox's was indicated, was part of his plan to make it more difficult for Harding to declare loyalty for the league on the route on such action, according to information received on the Cox train, will be urged by John Hood."

SOIL NOT FOR SALE Governor Cox, making his last campaign speech in the Rocky mountain and Pacific coast regions here tonight, asserted that "the great West stands for the League of Nations and is not willing to sell its soil for anything for a mess of political pottage."

This belief, he said, was based on the reception given his stand for entrance of the United States into the league, in 20 cities and towns on the route on his tour around the circuit began September 2. To date he has traveled approximately 8000 miles, and he will leave tomorrow night for the Middle West and East which he expects to attempt in the same vigorous manner until election day.

Cox today spoke at Cheyenne and Laramie, Wyo., and at Brighton and Greeley, Col. He talked on the route on a soldier-borne question and said he believed it better to reclaim western lands and offer every veteran a farm and home. Questioned as to his position on a mandate for Armenia, he said:

STANDS BY PLATFORM "The Democratic convention voted against a mandate for Armenia and I stand upon that platform."

He also indicated that in the near future he will march with an army of soldiers in the hope of obtaining easier peace terms for Germany through "scrapping" of the league.

Governor Cox was up at 6 o'clock this morning at Denver to visit tubercular patients at Pitasimons hospital, where nearly 500 soldiers, many of them victims of gas, are being treated.

"If a stray vote were taken among soldiers in hospitals, they would be overwhelmingly for the league," he said.

"There is no doubt where the great West stands on the paramount issue of this campaign."

WAR IS REMEMBERED "Idealism of the west has jumped in some parts of the world and in other parts of America, the people of the West have not soon forgotten what the war was about. They know that the pledge given their boys as they were marching into the front lines was to give them a home and a job. They know that without the league to limit armaments their vast arid regions will remain barren lands, whereas for the price of one battleship two million acres can be reclaimed. They know that the industrial and commercial situation in the west is such that there is no market in Europe for America's surplus goods—not because there is no demand, but because they know that Europe is financially, socially and politically bankrupt because she has no credit. They know that only the powers of the earth, working together, can stabilize society and thus stabilize exchange and make production of values once more worth while."

TAX IS QUOTED Cox quoted ex-President Taft and the report of the American Bar association as saying that Article X did not create a super-government or give anyone the right to call American troops to war. J. M. Collins, who on the Non-partisan league platform, won the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in Colorado by a large majority, accompanied Cox about 50 miles today.

"Governor Cox deserves your support and I urge you to vote for him," Collins said in a brief talk from the rear platform of Cox's train at Brighton, Col.

Gasoline Bill In 18 Months \$18,283,309

"Joy Juice" Expenditures for the State Indicated in Taxes on Motor-Fuel Oils.

Salem, Sept. 25.—The fumes from more than \$18,000,000 worth of gasoline—figured at an average price of 30 cents a gallon—have blended with the Oregon ozone during the 18 months ending August 30, last, according to figures compiled by the secretary of state's office here in connection with the collection of state taxes on motor fuel oils.

The table shows a total of 69,944,368.5 gallons of gasoline consumed in Oregon during the 18-month period, which, figured at 30 cents a gallon, brings the total expenditure for this "joy juice" by Oregon motorists up to the tremendous total of \$18,283,309.5.

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Senate Hearing Turns on Buying of Publicity Bureau by Republicans and Paper by Democrats

Dupont, G. O. P. National Committeeman, Delaware, Admits Purchasing Advertising Agency

By L. C. Martin Washington, Sept. 25.—(U. P.)—Testimony at the closing session of the senate committee investigating campaign expenditures today was to the effect that prominent Democrats had helped buy a soldier newspaper and that prominent Republicans had helped buy an advertising agency.

It was not shown that either the paper or the agency was being used for political purposes, this being denied by the committee. Richard H. Waldo concerning the testimony of J. L. Heffernan, who said Waldo, representing the "Duponts," had tried to get hold of the "Stars and Stripes," Waldo said Heffernan had told him Bernard Baruch put up \$7000 and Secretary of Agriculture Meredith \$2500 to help buy the paper, which Heffernan is an official and that W. D. Jamieson, Democratic finance director, had "assessments" Baruch and Meredith for these amounts.

JAMIESON LOANS \$4000 Earlier in the day Mrs. E. M. Parks, Jamieson's secretary, said she had bought control of the paper and that Jamieson had loaned her \$4000 to make the purchase. She had borrowed \$34,000 additional, she said, but refused to tell from whom.

Waldo said in his opinion the paper was not being used as a political organ and he denied this was a means to get Heffernan out of politics. T. Coleman Dupont, Republican national committeeman from Delaware, testified that he, William Boyce Thompson, chairman of the ways and means committee of the Republican national committee, and some others had bought an advertising agency, which placed advertisements in foreign language newspapers.

He denied this was a plan to control the editorial policy of foreign language papers so that they would support Harding and Coolidge. BARUCH GAVE \$47,500 Guy Mason, Washington representative of the League of Nations Finance, said he helped get a \$47,500 contribution from Bernard Baruch and the league had tried to get a large sum from Henry Ford, but got nothing.

E. E. Britton, private secretary to Secretary of the Navy Daniels, said Daniels paid his own way to the Democratic convention at San Francisco. In connection with Baruch's alleged contribution to the League to Enforce Peace, committee members called attention to the fact that testimony has shown contributions of pledges or investments by Baruch of more than \$100,000. Other contributions of Baruch were \$25,000 for production of a moving picture entitled "Uncle Sam of Freedom Ridge," an additional \$12,500 which was testified, Baruch has obligated himself for in connection with the picture, \$12,500 for distribution to newspapers of "Uncle Sam of Freedom Ridge," and \$5000 to the Democratic national committee and \$7000 to the Stars and Stripes.

PEAK HIT FIRST The "peak price" must be the first to be eliminated, they stated, for a normal stage can be reached only when the most abnormal is reduced. It was testified that prices may be reduced \$1 to \$1.50 per pair, on an average, for next spring, but not for this season, declared J. L. Caldwell, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Shoe Dealers' association.

The declines of the past few days, on certain commodities, they declare to be but the "topping off" of profiteering prices.

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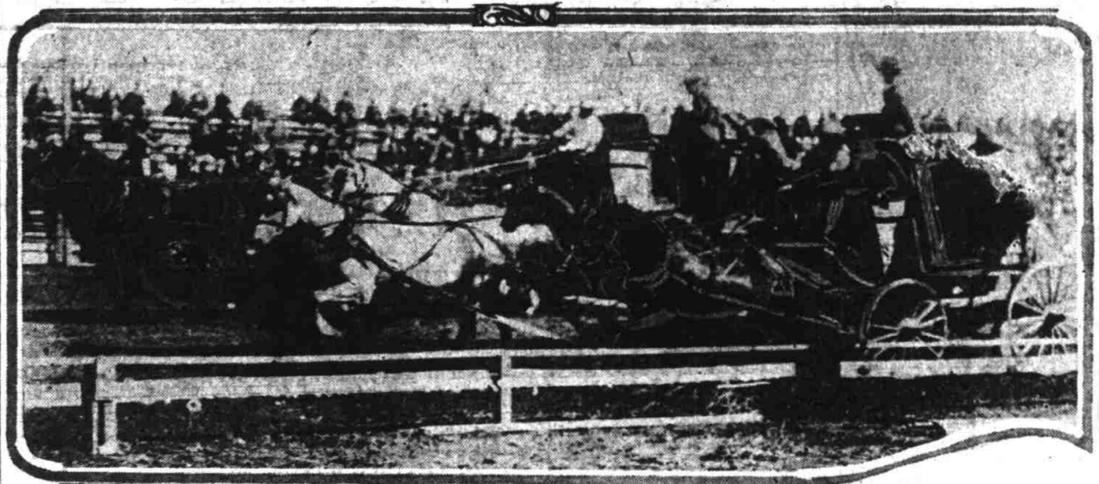
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STAGE COACH RACE IS THRILLING ROUND-UP SPECTACLE



Joe Cantrell drove the winning coach in close finish over H. W. B. Smith.

LOCAL PRICE CUT GRADUAL

Portland Merchants See No Prospect of Sensational Decline in Costs of Food and Clothing.

Food and clothing prices are not "crashing to earth." There is going to be a gradual but fractional cut in the price of life's staple commodities, but that reduction will not mean dollars and cents, "off the jump," to the consumers.

Such is the consensus of opinion among the merchants of Portland, who yesterday were quick to give what was termed an accurate survey of the situation to "offset the propaganda of outside institutions."

All forecast of reductions, in food, clothing and furniture is made for sometime next spring. It is made very plain by dealers that stocks now on hand cannot be "slashed," as some would have the consumer believe.

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League Is Strong in Utah Cox Favored, Says Lawrence

By David Lawrence (Copyright, 1920, by The Journal) Ogden, Utah, Sept. 25.—Woodrow Wilson will get in the state of Utah the solemn referendum of the League of Nations, which he so earnestly desires, and what is more, the verdict will be favorable to the league, for no matter what reasons other states may have for casting their electoral votes for Harding or Cox, the fundamental reasons why Utah is going Democratic this year is her fervent interest in the League of Nations as a step in the direction of preventing war.

Utah contains a community that takes principles rather seriously. When former President Taft came to the tabernacle here and the people crowded in to hear him appeal for the League of Nations, Utah was impressed; when President Wilson filled the tabernacle and preached the doctrine of the league, Utah was affirmed in its conviction. When Governor Cox came here, a religious fervor prevailed in the big tabernacle as he, too, spoke for the League of Nations, besides a year ago

the conference of the Mormon church expressed itself almost unanimously for the league.

There is an active campaign here against the league, but it has not made much of an impression. The president of the Mormon church presided at Governor Cox's meeting, but is reported to be in favor of the reelection of Senator Smoot, Republican.

The senator has been for the league with reservations and has not changed his position to that of Senator Johnson. If he is re-elected, as seems likely, at this writing, it will be because the people of Utah recognize that he has done things for them and is a leader in his party and therefore in a position to do more things for them.

SMOOT MAY LEAD Milton Wellings, also a Mormon, is the

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JACOB H. SCHIFF DEAD AT N. Y.

Head of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and One of Best-Known Financiers Succumbs to Heart Trouble.

New York, Sept. 25.—(U. P.)—Jacob Henry Schiff, banker and financier, died at 6:30 o'clock tonight.

Heart trouble was the cause of Schiff's death, according to a statement by attending physicians.

Schiff's wife and daughter, Mrs. Felix M. Warburg, and his son, Morton L., were at the bedside. With two brothers who live in Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany, they were his only immediate relatives.

No funeral arrangements had been made tonight.

Business associates said Schiff undoubtedly left a will, but no effort was made to determine that tonight.

BORN IN FRANKFORT Schiff, who was one of America's best known financiers, was 73 years of age. He was born in Frankfurt, Germany, and came to New York at the close of the Civil war, when he was 18 years of age. Throughout his long life in New York he was known for his philanthropic and charitable work.

Schiff was a member of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. He was director of the National City bank of New York, the Central Trust company, the Western Union Telegraph company, the Wells-Fargo Express company and other institutions.

Jacob Henry Schiff, financier and philanthropist, was born in Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany, in 1847, as the son of Jewish parents in moderately prosperous circumstances. His father came from a highly respected family and his ancestors had been rabbis. Young Jacob received a good school education in his native city and after leaving school entered as clerk in the Rothschild banking house at Frankfurt. At the age of 18 he came to America and began his career in New York as a bank clerk.

WEDS LOEB'S DAUGHTER Jacob H. Schiff was barely of age when he became junior partner of the modest banking and brokerage firm of Budge, Loeb & Co.

According to the story told by Mrs. Minnie Starr, 3029 East Glisan, an elderly woman to whom Mrs. McBride and her husband, R. McBride, a salesman for the Modern Appliance company, had been in the habit of going for counsel, the young people had frequent quarrels over inconsequential matters during their year and a half of married life. On several occasions, she said, each had gone to her for sympathy and advice.

Saturday evening, instead of going home as usual from his work, the husband had gone to Mrs. Starr's home. While he was talking with Mrs. Starr's family Mrs. McBride appeared.

A quarrel followed and Mrs. McBride hurriedly left the house. Coroner went to the Fowler Drug store at East Seventy-ninth and Glisan streets, where she purchased the poison, giving a pretext for its use.

She then returned to the Starr home and, ascending the porch steps, took the poison. Fowler was called and administered an antidote, though the woman fought him.

The young man's husband was distracted by the wife's act and could tell Emergency hospital doctors and police investigators but little. He said, however, that the little quarrel had been numerous, seemingly to start from nothing, and always hitherto ending in full reconciliation.

As his wife left the Starr home, he told a hospital attendant, she had said: "Well, let's go home. To which he had replied: "Sit down and wait till you cool off."

Then she left the house alone. The body was taken to the morgue. An inquest is improbable, as Coroner is declaring the case plainly one of suicide.

TEX SMITH IS '20 CHAMPION OF BUCKAROOS

Montana Rider, Mounted on Sam Jackson, Makes Spectacular Showing on Bucking Demon.

Great Yakima Canutt, Twice Winner, Takes Third; Thirty Thousand Spectators See Big Show.

Pendleton, Sept. 25.—Tex Smith of Miles City, Mont., riding Sam Jackson, won the crown of champion buckaroo of 1920.

Thirty thousand throats were made hoarse as wild shouts greeted the new king of the wild horse tamers. The great Yakima Canutt, winner of two championships, was forced to content himself with third place. J. H. Strickland, also a former champion, taking second honors.

Smith made a beautiful ride on the bucking, pawing name-sake of C. S. Jackson of Portland, Pendleton pioneer and possessor of the Journal. The pretty shining black cayuse tried all tricks of the range to unseat Smith without effect.

CHAMPION WINS \$450 The champion pocketed \$450 in cash and, with a ride worth a \$500 saddle as a result of his prowess. Strickland, riding No Name, won the \$200 purse and a Stetson hat. Canutt was awarded \$100 and a touring silver hat.

Smith rode clean, having many whirls. Canutt, wearing a salmon pink shirt, made a spectacular ride with his sombrero high over his head and chaps flapping. He rode Bill McAdoo. Once he dispersed crowds of cowboys sitting on the fence about the arena when his horse bucked in the race track, giving him a touring silver hat.

Roy Bell pulled leather on U-Tell 'Em. While attempting to saddle a wild horse, Winnemucca Jack, an Indian rider, was kicked in the head by the animal, dying in a few moments. His was the second fatal accident in Round-Up history.

BRUTES ARE TWISTERS In the semi-finals the contestants had some real twisting brutes to ride. Tex Smith made a good ride on John Day Hippy Burmister found rough bumps on the back of John Day, but rode him clean. Harry Pruitt rode Black Day, second. Buf Lucas rode I-B-Dam. John Maggert pulled and fell from Fighting Crow. Roy Bell rode Desolation. Bill Kingham's first horse, Corlett, fell before he mounted. Red Pepper rode a bucking horse, L. W. Terry rode Him Rock. Roy Bell rode clean on Desolation. Yakima Canutt, in a salmon pink shirt, instead of navy blue, made a spectacular ride on slick U-B-Dam. Charles Johnson rode Boise Kid. Norman Cowan rode Leatherneck. Bob Hall rode Cork Creek.

Final results at the Round-Up Saturday afternoon were: first, Tex Smith, second, Donna Card, on Terry Walker's string, \$315; third, Lorena Trickey, riding C. B. Irwin's string, \$207.50. Lorena Trickey was in the lead Friday, and on the first lap, but lost on the first change when the horse ran away from her before she had mounted, causing her to make an extra change.

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The bureau of information says there is nothing against Barrett in the records. His occupation before the war was given as "consulting engineer."

Eleven Large Gas Bags Take Air in National Contest

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 25.—(U. P.)—Eleven giant gas bags entered in the international balloon race took to the air here this afternoon in an even 25-mile wind, and tonight were sailing in a north-westerly direction, which should take them over Memphis, Tenn., about sunrise Sunday morning.

The event, besides being the national race, constitutes the annual army-navy race and the elimination event for the international balloon race, which starts here next month. The three best bags will compete with foreigners in October.

Special government weather experts declare the balloons should reach the Great Lakes region Monday morning, passing over the St. Louis vicinity Sunday, and the chances are favorable, they say, for the aeronauts to land in Canada approximately north of Buffalo.

Tax Payments Must Be Rushed to Avoid One Per Cent Penalty

Taxes will have to be paid at the rate of \$25,408.83 per day for the next eight tax-paying days if a delinquency list is to be avoided. After October 5 a penalty of 1 per cent a month will be charged on delinquent taxes, and on November 5 a flat penalty of 5 per cent is attached.

The total tax roll for Multnomah county for 1919, which is the tax now being paid, was \$1,077,752.40. The records Saturday showed \$6,611,211.50 as this amount still unpaid. The total of uncollected taxes is far heavier than at the same date last year.

Seattle Railway Is Losing Says Mayor

Seattle, Sept. 25.—(U. P.)—Despite the increase in fares, the municipal railway system is steadily losing money, according to a statement issued today by Mayor Hugh M. Caldwell. Caldwell declared that a definite program would have to be adopted shortly to keep the railway from going still further "in the red."

Robbers Loot Home of Robert T. Curren

Burglars looted the home of Robert T. Curren, 426 Waco street, between 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock Saturday night, while Curren was attending church. Jewelry to the value of \$500 and \$125 in coin were taken. The robber was still in the house when Curren returned, but made a getaway with the plunder.

Among the articles taken were a lady's Elgin watch, a diamond ring, revolver and a string of pearls.

MacSwiney Weaker