

Ring Lardner will cover the Dempsey-Carpenter fight for The Journal. The first of his articles concerning the premier boxers will be published Sunday, June 10. And whatever fan there is in it Lardner will express.

TAREF AND TAXES TASK FOR HARDING

Declares Lack of Profits Yesterday to Recoup Losses of Today Is Cause of Present Situation.

Tells Friends That Appeals for Aid Indicate That People Think Wave of His Hand Is Cure-All.

By David Lawrence
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Washington, June 4.—President Harding is encountering the full force of the tidal wave which rises out of a distressed economic situation and mistakenly demands that the government cure all business ills and restore the profits of by-gone days.

WILL FIND WAY OUT

The president looks upon the economic situation as the inevitable result of reconstruction and readjustment following the war. The cabinet at its Friday meeting discussed what the government could do, but unfortunately the government cannot do much more than guide certain currents that may have an influence on the situation.

After all, it is the feeling of the president that the big industries will themselves find the way out. America, he thinks, will recover from the shock of the European war just as she did from the civil war, in a natural and orderly way.

It is the agricultural situation, however, which causes concern, for while the big industries can, in a sense, help themselves, the farmer needs to be financed and needs to have an export trade and at the same time must be protected in his home market.

10-Year-Old Boy's Hip Crushed Under Automobile Truck

Unconscious of danger, Renard Stasi, 10 years old, ran backwards from his playfellows and fell under the wheels of a truck. He was rushed to the county hospital, where one hip was found to be badly crushed and other serious injuries were reported.

Coast Highway Is Open for Traffic; Two Roads Closed

Salem, June 4.—The coast highway from Marshfield to Fort Orford and Gold Beach, via Coquille and Bandon is open to traffic, according to information reaching the state highway department here today.

THE LURE OF THE OPEN

The automobile is a willing ally of the matchless June days of the Oregon country in luring city dwellers into the open country which now is at its best.

House Has New Proposal for Disarmament

Gives President More Authority Than Borah Plan and Is a Substitute for It.

By Herbert W. Walker
United Press Staff Correspondent
Washington, June 4.—A new disarmament proposal giving the president wide and unrestricted powers to effect reduction of fighting establishments in the manner deemed wisest, was reported by Republican leaders of the house today.

It is a substitute for the Borah disarmament amendment authorizing the president to call a conference of Great Britain and Japan with the United States to discuss a reduction of naval building programs.

Leaders say they believe the house will insist that this proposal be included in the naval bill in preference to the Borah plan.

It was indicated that the house plan more nearly meets the wishes of the president, who, while expressing no objection to congress expressing its opinion of disarmament, believes it would be wise to place no limitation upon the executive.

Chairman Porter of the house foreign affairs committee conferred with the president on the disarmament question last night.

MAGIC WAND OF FESTIVAL READY

Gorgeous Unfolding of Beauties of Fairland of Flowers Awaits the Pleasure of Queen.

HIGH LIGHTS OF THE 1921 ROSE FESTIVAL

Arrival and coronation of Queen Dorothy, Lambert park. Formal opening of festivities. Christening of roses and dedication of Festival Center. Closing rose show at the Auditorium. Musical program at Festival Center in evening, and pageant of roses at Laurelhurst park.

With the Rose Festival but three days away, plans for the annual spectacular event are ready.

BANDS WILL PLAY

Crowds from the out of town districts and loyal Portlanders will throng the streets adding life to the colorful decorations and the gaiety of the occasion. Bands will play at the various centers of activity.

5 MEASURES FACING VOTER NEXT TUESDAY

Soldiers' Bonus Bill Chief of Issues to Be Decided at Polls at Special Election Tuesday.

Results Expected to Be Determined Largely by Partisan Ballot; Taxpayers Most Concerned

Tuesday, June 7, all Oregon will hold a special referendum election for the approval or rejection, as the case may be, of three constitutional amendments and two statutes, all of which were referred to the voters of the state by the last legislative assembly. At the same time the voters of Portland, the municipality, will be called upon to cast their ballots for or against two charter amendments, while coincidentally the voters of the Port of Portland, as such, will be asked to determine by their ballots whether they desire the members of the Port of Portland commission to be appointed by the governor or continue to be elected by the legislature as the law now provides.

IMPORTANCE IS SEEN

These elections, for they are separate and distinct though to be determined at the same time, and—within their voting limits—at the same voting booths, are of far-reaching importance to the voters and taxpayers of the state, notwithstanding the fact that they have crept upon the electorate with less noise and of propaganda than any similar occasions of recent years.

Whether the decisions cast on Tuesday next are representative of the sentiment of the voters generally will depend, of course, upon the proportional vote. Naturally, because of the important issues involved, it would be expected that a

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199 BODIES DRAGGED FROM DRIPPING RUINS OF PUEBLO

WHERE FLOOD AND FIRE RUN RAMPANT

SCENES in Pueblo, metropolis of Southern Colorado, swept by flood waters of the Arkansas and Fountain rivers and by fire with an enormous loss of life and property. Above is the main street of the city which is in path of destruction; in the center is an iron plant which gives the city the name of "The Pittsburg of the West." Below is Pueblo county courthouse.



500 ESTIMATED DEAD IN COLORADO FLOOD; LOSS IS \$10,000,000

Cloudburst Sends Two Rivers Surging Over Banks; Frame Buildings Crumble Like Sand; Hundreds Save Selves by Clinging to Wreckage; Children's Bodies Borne Off on Torrent; Flames Add to Pueblo's Horror; Cold, Hunger at Hand; Rescuers Begin Work

Pueblo, Colo., June 4.—Five hundred dead, 5000 homeless and a property loss of \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 were estimated to be Pueblo's flood toll tonight. Shortly before dark it was announced that 199 bodies had been recovered.

The flood followed a cloudburst on the upper reaches of the Arkansas and Fountain rivers last night. The storm scarcely was felt in Pueblo, but by 10 o'clock water was running in the streets. Warning was sent to residents of the lowlands to flee, but few left their homes.

Dawn found houses surrounded by from eight to 10 feet of water, and escape was cut off. Fragile frame buildings crumbled and went down in the flood. Hundreds saved themselves by clinging to wreckage until carried by the current to places of safety.

A correspondent said that he had seen two children's bodies floating down the torrent which swept the streets of the city.

EARLIER ESTIMATES LARGER

J. G. Lovren, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said tonight that the total was not as great as earlier reports indicated. The first survey of the flood section indicated that the total might reach 3000, but tonight the authorities were convinced that the death list would be held within 500.

Relief work was well in hand tonight. A message from Denver said that a relief train was leaving there with detachments of the Colorado National Guard, physicians, nurses and supplies. Tents and bedding are badly needed. The food supply is sufficient for a day or two.

Wire communication with the outside was not established until this afternoon. The flood tore away telephone and telegraph poles and every railroad was inundated. Railroad track gangs began the work of restoring road beds as soon as the flood ceased.

The crest of the flood passed before noon, and tonight most of the flooded area was almost free from water. Work of searching the ruins was retarded by wreckage and a slough of mud.

RANGERS TAKE CHARGE

Colonel P. J. Hamrock, head of the Colorado Rangers, took charge of the city early today. He organized all available rangers and ex-service men.

Guards were thrown about the flooded district to prevent looting. Relief parties penetrated the area as far as the water had receded, gathering up bodies and rescuing refugees marooned on wrecked buildings.

Hundreds of women and children are among the refugees. They are being cared for in public buildings and homes that escaped damage.

Fire that broke out this morning was brought under control before great loss had resulted.

Many victims of the flood were foreigners, Mexicans predominating. They were said to have been employees of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, one of the largest steel manufacturing concerns in the West. The mills of the company are located here.

Refugees were housed in churches and schools and private residences in parts of the city not under water. The local Red Cross members are aiding the homeless.

ORDERS LOOTERS SHOT

Captain L. S. Fitzsimmons, in command of the city military forces, today had orders to shoot looters on sight.

A food administrator has been appointed to handle food supplies, which are rapidly dwindling.

Thousands of Mexicans, with their worldly possessions tied in bundles on their backs, were wandering about in the dry parts of the city, hungry and with no bed but the pavements.

Frank Pryor, a merchant, spent the night on the one remaining wall of his four story building, while workers endeavored to rescue him. The building collapsed while Pryor was in it, but he managed to climb to the top of the one wall. The rescue crew finally brought him to safety with the aid of ladders and boats.

HORSE SWEEP FROM RIDER

Trooper Richard Philbin of the Colorado Rangers spent the night on top of a telegraph pole. His horse was swept from under him and drowned.

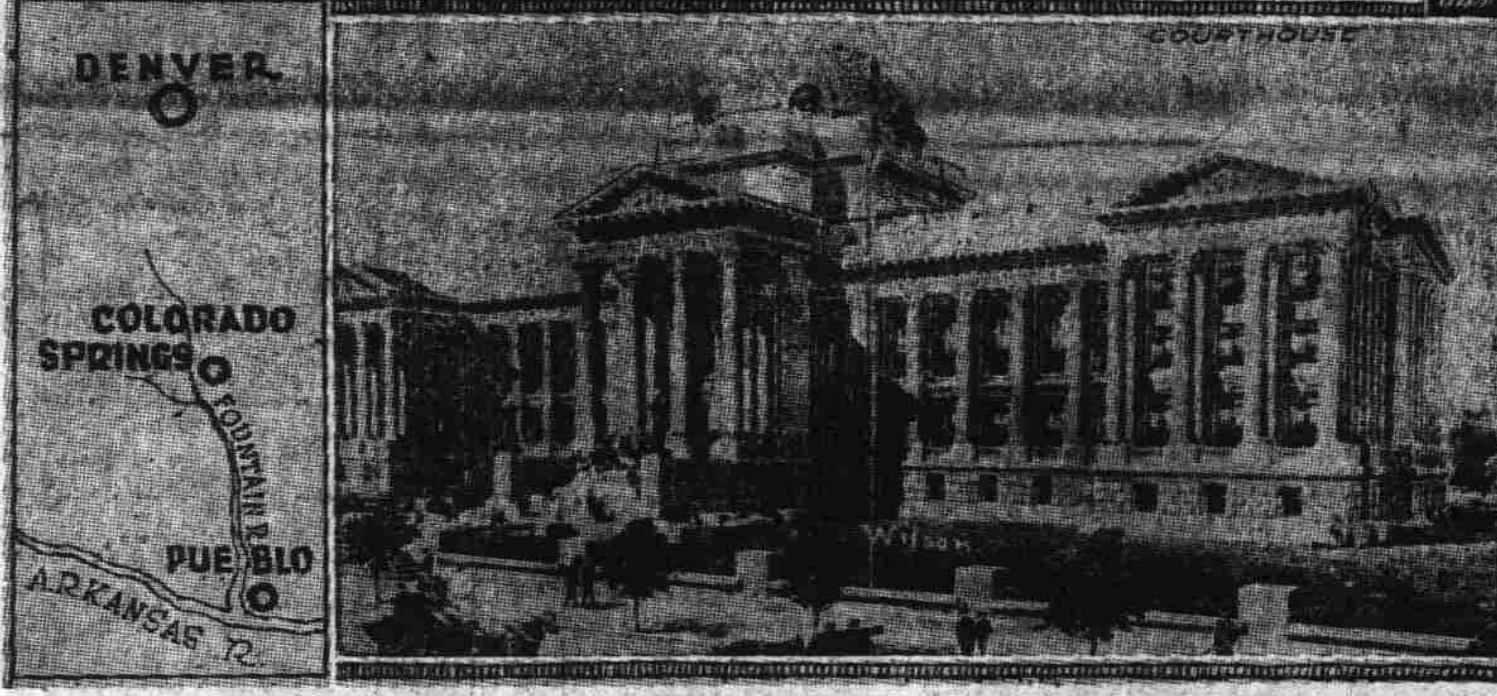
Philbin swam to the pole and clambered up out of reach of the water. He perched on the cross-arm until rescued by firemen.

American Legion members took charge of guard patrols about noon and were carrying on a systematic campaign of searching for probable dead and aiding refugees. Great crowds of spectators gathered on the bridges to watch the rising waters of the Arkansas and Fountain rivers. It was necessary for police and state troops to drive them back out of danger. Within half an hour after the curious mobs had been sent home water was pouring over the railings of the bridges.

ARMOUR PLANT DESTROYED

Of the larger buildings wrecked in the early stages of the flood was the Armour packing plant. It was totally destroyed with an estimated loss of \$20,000.

Martial law was declared tonight by Governor Shoup, who is en route from Denver.



LORD MAYOR ELUDES COPS

Sinn Fein Chief Gives Secret Service Men Slip by Leaving U. S. Without Their Knowledge; Political Asylum Not Revealed.

By Carl Victor Little
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Chicago, June 4.—Donald O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, has obeyed the mandate of the United States and fled the country, the United Press was reliably informed tonight.

SLIPS OUT OF COUNTRY

The destination of O'Callaghan and how he slipped out of the country he picked for a political asylum was not made known.

Pueblo Is Second City In Colorado

Important as Railway and Manufacturing Center; Population Is About 56,000.

Pueblo, the county seat of Pueblo county, 118 miles south of Denver, is the second city in size in Colorado. The 1920 census credited the city with a population of 42,908. It is an important railway center, is one of the largest manufacturing cities of the Rocky mountain district, and has often been called the "Pittsburg of the West."

SCENE CAN'T BE DESCRIBED

Death and Ruin of Flood Too Terrific to Be Put in Words; Says Eye Witness; Bridge Span Falls, Carrying 100 to Death.

Colorado Springs, Colo., June 4.—"Beyond description." This was the comment of Charles S. Ballinback, special agent of the Santa Fe railroad at Pueblo, and first man out of the stricken city after its destruction by floods.

Huge Atlantic Liners Engage in Race to Test Merits of Fuel

London, June 4.—With the "Blue Ribbon" of the Atlantic at stake the Aquitania and the Mauretania are ploughing through the waves toward New York tonight. It is a race between coal and oil.

More Than 100,000 Cars Are Licensed

Salem, Or., June 4.—The 100,000 mark in automobile registrations of Oregon was passed May 31, with registrations on that date totaling 100,159, according to a summary compiled today by Secretary of State Kester. The total registration for 1920 was 103,730 automobiles. May registrations totaled 4579, or just 302 ahead of May, 1920. Registration fees collected by the department to May 31 totaled \$3,102,979, an amount a total of \$2,050,694 collected during the entire year of 1920.

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