HERO OF MARNE ACCEPTS PLAQUE FROM LOCAL POST

After a day replete with parades and ceremonies, Portland paid its farewell tribute to Marshal Joffre of France in the armory Tuesday night when 5000 persons gathered to honor the great war hero.

To the strains of the Marseillaise, Joffre and his party entered the armory, where he received an ovation from the assembly. And when the reception was over the same cheers rang through the hall as the parting message of Portland's good will to the hero of the Marne.

ACCEPTS PLAQUE

Colonel James J. Crossley, commander of Portland post, American Legion, presented General Joffre with a gold plaque engraved with a record of his Portland visit. The applause that followed the general's acceptance of this token was protracted.

PARTY LEAVES

The Joffre party left at 1 o'clock this morning after a day which the general declared he could never forget.

After the dedication of the Pacific highway and the scenic automobile journey over the Columbia river highway, including luncheon at Crown Point chalet, the general insisted upon stopping at the United States public health service hospital where he personally greeted each of the 100 or more disabled American soldiers who are being treated there. In French, he made inquiry as the lot of each and won every "buddy" there by his warm sympathy.

In the evening the Joffre party was entertained at a private dinner in the Old Colony club at the Multnomah hotel. The guests included: Governor and Mrs. Olcott, Mayor and Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Van Duzer, J. D. Farrell, C. Henri Labbe, Mrs. Antone Labbe, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus C. Holman, Samuel Hill, Major U. S. Grant, Major Mallein, Dr. Don H. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald West, Commandant Davy, Colonel Yeslay, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Yeon and Mr. and Mrs. Eric V. Hauser.

Incidentally Portland contributed among the first of numerous tokens of esteem which the marshal will take home from America when he was decorated with the colors of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and made a lifelong member of the organization.

This honor was extended to the marshal when Captain George Edward Sandy of the organization pinned on Joffre's breast the insignia and welcomed him as a "buddy." Here was opportunity for more extended applause to index the popularity of the veteran marshal.

A bas relief, the "Oregon Doughboy," done by Avard Fairbanks of the University of Oregon, was the final present given to Joffre.

It is a miniature of one of the pieces of sculpture designed to grace the 1925 exposition.

To the welcome of Governor Olcott, Adjutant General White and Mayor Baker, the marshal replied briefly with the simplicity which made him request a simple reception instead of a banquet as the final event of his stay in Portland.

EXPRESSES HIS THANKS

He spoke in French, through Major Ulysses S. Grant, great-grandson of America's great Civil war general, who interpreted his words:

"During the great war the American army came to our aid against the aggression of those who opposed us. We are not at peace, but we still need our friends. The American soldiers are our friends. I thank you most profoundly. We will never be able to return all we owe to you."

In welcoming Marshal Joffre, Mayor Baker said:

"We remember the armies of France; we remember the ruthlessness in Belgium; we remember when the kaiser swore he would eat dinner in Paris within six weeks; we remember when France's back was to the wall. Then it was that Marshal Joffre, with grim determination to save his country, said: 'The time has come to advance at all costs, and to die where you stand rather than give way.' America can do nothing better than pay homage to France's greatest man."

Governor Olcott recalled the Revolutionary days, when Lafayette saved America. "We have only paid in part—we can only pay in part—what France has done for us," he said.

SAY JUDGE DAY IS TO ESCAPE TRIAL

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speaks with the accent of a Southerner.

The Days have been married 22 years. Their daughter, Doris, 19, a student at the University of Oklahoma, returned to her home today.

It was generally accepted in official circles that Day would not be tried for the killing.

Army officers were open in their statement that they would not demand the arrest and trial of Day under military law. They pointed out that while Beck was of the army, he was on civilian ground when killed.

Much depends on the finding of Prohibition Director Meadows. Meadows has been informed by Coroner McWilliams that when authorities reached the Day home, in the heart of the fashionable district of the city, they found "sliced orange and brew bottles" scattered about the room where Beck's body lay.

Meadows has ordered all witnesses other than Day and his wife to his office today to investigate this phase of the affair.

At the same time, the coroner is investigating a report that "four automobile loads of people were in the Day home just before the killing."

DAY DENIES REPORT

This Day denied in a statement issued today.

He named two oil men—L. H. Pritchard, F. H. Anderson—their wives and Major R. R. Paddock of Fort Sill as being the only persons visiting his home besides Beck.

Friends of the dead man declare that he was madly infatuated. The father of a 14-year-old son, his love for Mrs. Day was equally as ardent as though he had not reached the years of discretion, brother officers said. Of this love, it is said, by her intimate friends, Mrs. Day was not aware and the distinguished looking colonel was often a guest at the Day home.

COLONEL DEVOUT ADMIRER

On the afternoon preceding the tragedy she went to a matinee with Colonel Beck, who had traveled over from Post Field at Fort Sill in an airplane. After the matinee they were joined by Judge Day and others for dinner at a local hotel. The party then went to the Day home for bridge.

It was stated by one of the guests that Mrs. Day was an exceptionally brilliant and witty hostess. Colonel Beck laughed at her every sally, it was said, and was as attentive as he conventionally could be.

"I am not going to appear before any court of investigation unless charges are filed. Neither will my wife," Day said.

Coroner McWilliams named his jury to investigate the killing today.

CANNOT FIND BULLET

The coroner ordered the jury to view Beck's body. The head is almost completely blown away. So far, McWilliams has been unable to find the soft nosed bullet which caused death.

McWilliams granted permission for the removal of Beck's body to Washington, where it will be buried in Arlington cemetery beside the body of his father, at Fort Sill, and his son, Lieutenant Brigadier General William H. Beck, one of the pioneer officers of Fort Sill. His 77-year-old mother, with whom he lived at Fort Sill, and his son, Lieutenant Paul Beck of Watertown, Mass., will accompany the body East. The son telegraphed he was on the way to Oklahoma City today. Beck's wife, who was Miss Evelyn Everett of Omaha, Neb., died last August and is buried at Washington.

The Days are also widely known in Washington.

Mrs. Day is the recognized social leader of Oklahoma City. With her husband she spent last winter in Washington. There she was prominent in the entertainments, being the queen of the Dixie ball—one of Washington's most exclusive social functions.

All-Woman Jury Frees Non-Supporter

Portland's first jury panel consisting entirely of women. Back row, from right—Mrs. Harriet Van Alstine, forewoman; Mrs. Gertrude V. Miller, Mrs. Cora L. Norton, Mrs. Lola E. Farrell, Mrs. Nancy Gates, Mrs. Susan Farrell. Front row, from right—Mrs. Emma Violet Ferguson, Mrs. Sarah Jacobs, Mrs. Emma Cleveland, Mrs. Gladys Purkey, Mrs. Luella E. Young, Mrs. Essie Webber.

Ingaberg Hansen is absolutely not guilty of the crime of failing to support his former wife. This fact was determined Tuesday night by Portland's first all-woman jury, which rendered a speedy verdict.

On the other hand, Mrs. Alma Hansen declares her divorced husband did not pay the alimony exacted by the circuit court, which granted the divorce decree, the supreme court later affirming the action.

The ex-husband testified in his own behalf Tuesday that he actually had not paid certain sums due, listing his reasons.

The judge explained to the jury that, in law, the only excuse for non-payment is financial inability. This was not included in Hansen's excuses.

Proposed Tearing Up of Oregon Trunk Track Stirs Citizens

Salem, April 5.—Numerous protests against the proposed abandonment of the line of the Oregon Trunk railroad, between Metolius and South Junction, a distance of 29 miles, in Central Oregon, are being filed with the public service commission. The move, it is protested, would prove serious to Central Oregon.

H. H. Corey, member of the commission, points out that no application for the proposed abandonment has yet been filed with the state regulatory body and that when one is filed a full hearing of the matter will be had before any action is taken.

Among those filing protests are the Madras Commercial club, Metolius Commercial club, N. G. Wallace, county judge, and Herman K. Allen, county commissioner of Jefferson county; Howard W. Turner, mayor of Madras, and John Sloss, No. 79, American Legion, Madras.

DISMISSALS WERE BASED ON POLITICS

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ice law so that Republican incumbents in the government departments could hang on to their jobs even if the administration changed.

It is said that is the section of the law, providing for the preference of charges before an order of dismissal, that Harding is charged with violating in his recent executive order. It was the section applied as a rivet to the civil service law in August, 1912, to protect Republican office holders.

It got through the Democratic house, also, possibly through the belief of Democrats that in event they were licked they would lose nothing and possibly gain a little by having their own faith protected as well as the Republicans.

LAW ALLOWED TO STAND

During the eight ensuing years many changes occurred in the departments and many new departments were added, making way for an influx of Democratic office holders. Before the last election, while the outcome was certain to be a Republican victory, the Republicans, through controlling both branches of congress, did not seek to repeal the law, which, by this time would seem to assure continuance in office of Democrats under civil service. Naturally Democrats did not wish the law repealed for it was to their interests that it remain in force.

As a result it now falls upon the shoulders of the president to meet the demands for changes which have become increasingly insistent in congress for weeks. Daugherty says the president can make such changes, the president already has made some and Daugherty believes that when the axe is falling the Democrats should be good sports and the beheading festivities witnessed with a smile if not a cheer.

Not so former Secretary Joseph P. Tumulty, however. Tumulty, whom Senator Harreld declared Monday at the White House, was virtually running the government, adding that more department employes were reporting to him than to Harding, issued a long statement in answer to Harreld.

TUMULTY DEPENDS OUSTED

"Having failed signally by base innuendo," said Tumulty, "to brand these fine men and women as criminals, and to place a stigma upon them and their families, the perpetrators of this conspiracy now seek to find protection by deflecting the issue and seeking to make my influence a reason for this outrageous action. What a childish, puerile statement to come from a grownup man."

"As a sportsman," the statement said, "I am not inclined to complain when a Democrat is removed from office to make way for a Republican, but let those who seek to do it, do it with clean hands and clean hearts."

"I thought that 'Main Street' had a head as well as a heart, but the action of last Friday discloses that it has neither. We Democrats may be inept and foolish at times but I pray God that we will not seek, like our Republican friends, to build our political fortunes upon the wreckage of broken hearts."

The effect of the president's action has been to put the whole subject of civil service on the griddle in congress.

INVESTIGATION DEMANDED

Senator Caraway, Democrat of Arkansas, introduced another resolution, calling for an investigation and denounced the dismissal of the bureau of engraving employes in vigorous terms. The president, Caraway charged, ignored the law and acted in an inhuman manner. Representative Brynes of Tennessee, another Democrat, made similar criticisms in the house.

Senator Norris, Nebraska, denounced what he said was the evasion of civil service regulations in the appointment of postmasters, a practice of which, he said, both parties were guilty.

"If we're going to pretend to the people of the country that we're putting the postoffice on a nonpartisan basis we should have the courage to do it," said Norris. "We're practicing deception now. If we're going to appoint Republicans we ought to do it and end the civil service fiasco."

In debate with Norris, Senator Moses, Republican of New Hampshire came out openly and emphatically in favor of the spoils system.

Hinkle, Hermiston, Seeks Senatorship; G. G. Randall Files

Salem, April 5.—Joseph T. Hinkle of Hermiston has filed with Secretary of State Kozer his formal declaration as a candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator from the nineteenth senatorial district, comprising Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties.

In his platform Hinkle promises to "work for reduction in taxes by cutting down expenses and favor millage tax for schools with no additional appropriations."

"I will devote my time to the enactment of fewer and simpler laws and have no bills or pet measures of my own to tie my hands," he declares. "I favor the present plan of highway and market road construction with reduction in overhead and no more bonds for the present."

His slogan reads: "Live within our means. Do our best for home and flag."

George G. Randall of New Era seeks a seat in the lower house of the state legislature from Clackamas county, filing his formal declaration for the Republican nomination Tuesday, declares for "honesty, strict economy and a straightforward administration."

"I will work to put all paid state officers back to pre-war salaries and will support agriculture and other productive industries in every possible way," his platform reads. "I will strive to equalize and lower taxes. I am opposed to alien ownership of land and favor American labor and the American people."

Rate Cut Announced By Oregon Electric

Eugene, April 5.—The Oregon Electric has announced a round trip rate to Portland, good for seven days, of $6.65, effective in about two weeks. The previous rate was $8.82. The Southern Pacific rate is $8.94 and the auto stages charge $7.70. The fastest Oregon Electric train makes the trip to Portland in three and one half hours. Similar low round trip rates will be made to Albany, Salem and other points.

Bonus Complaints Are to Be Taken Up

Salem, April 5.—At a meeting of Capital post No. 9, American Legion, Tuesday night, a commission was named to confer with the state bonus commission relative to complaints entered by ex-service men over the treatment of their loan applications under the bonus act. Many complaints have been registered because of the action of the commission in rejecting the appraisals submitted on property offered as security for a bonus loan.

Salem Memorial Day Race Meet Called Off

Salem, Or., April 5.—There will be no races at the state fair grounds on Memorial day, regardless of the fact that such have been advertised.

"The fair board, to my knowledge, has never been approached with a request for permission to use the track, and if such permission was asked it would be denied," declared James R. Linn, president of the fair board, Tuesday, when approached upon the subject.

ROTARY CLUB NOMINATES

Centralia, Wash., April 5.—The Centralia Rotary club nominated the following for office: Alva Heaton, president; George C. Ellsbury, vice president; Dave Monfort, secretary; R. E. Edmisson, treasurer, and O. E. Nelson, Earl Colson, John D. Wonderly and Charles Ahern, directors.

COAL STRIKE HELD LIGHTLY AT CAPITAL

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able about wages and working conditions. Maybe the operators will be—they will have to be mindful of the public's demand for coal and they will not be able to suspend production indefinitely. But if they raise prices government officials hint that imported coal may come in competition in the domestic market. Possibly the tariff will cure it, but with the cheap cost of transportation, even at a tariff, it is contended, would not keep out foreign coal if domestic prices were unduly inflated.

RELYING ON OLD LAW

So the government sits calmly by confident that the economic laws of supply and demand will in due time right the present situation and send the miners back to the mines on a basis mutually satisfactory to employe and employer.

From the White House incidentally comes the information that the president does not regard the present strike as an emergency. Plenty of coal is available and more will have been produced by the non-union mines during the strike. There is every indication, on the other hand, that the administration feels it is keeping its pledge made to the business men in the last campaign that it would not use its power to interfere in labor difficulties. The wartime statutes which were employed to stop the last coal strike, are now off the books. Really the chief executive has no power except moral influence, any way, to bring the contending forces together, but it is deemed wiser by Mr. Harding not even to exercise that. The idea seems to be to let employes and employers fight it out after a reasonable effort at mediation has been made. The government feels that it has done all the suggesting and coaxing that it can. It still commends the proposal of a joint conference, but is not begging either side to attend.

The effect of the administration policy has been to stir up things in congress where, naturally, the pressure from the miners is greatest. Senators and members of the house from states where miners are out of work are being urged to do something before exhaustion sets in and suffering begins. The power of congress is chiefly one of investigation and publicity. The executive branch of the government has declined thus far to make any statement on the merits of the controversy even to the extent of defining the issues, so that public opinion may make up its mind which is right or wrong or whether the public will be injured in the end. Congress has the same opportunity, but there is as yet no crystalization of opinion in the senate or house as to what should be done. Everything points to a hands-off policy at the White House, and government departments something that is gratifying to the operators who believe they can win if the government keeps out, but one cannot be as certain that congress will ignore the issue, especially as the votes of labor are as numerous as ever this campaign year.

Interest Centers In Suicide Letter Of F. L. Stewart

Tacoma, April 5.—(U. P.)—Interest in the trial in federal court here, in which Mrs. Maude E. Stewart of Kelso is trying to collect $35,000 insurance alleged to be due her on her husband's policies, today centered on the scheduled presentation of the letter written by Fred L. Stewart to his wife, in which he said that he would commit suicide.

It is expected that the letter will be introduced by Mrs. Stewart's attorneys this afternoon.

Frank P. Sandam testified Tuesday that Stewart had called him on the telephone from Goble on the evening that he disappeared. This is said to be the last message.

Other witnesses testified to the seemingly strange mental condition of Stewart prior to his disappearance on the night of March 17, 1921, following the failure of the Kelso State bank, of which he was cashier.

SUES FOR DIVORCE

Vancouver, Wash., April 5.—Alvie Marie Brenner filed suit for divorce from Charlie Brenner Tuesday, alleging that her husband treated her as a nonentity, refusing her money for clothes.

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