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Saturday probably rain west, fair east portion; moderate southerly winds.

SIXTY-NINTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 29, 1919

PRICE FIVE CENTS

CLUB FAVORS VACATION OF TRADE STREET

Directors of Commercial Body Adopt Resolution Urging Council to Aid Proposed Paper Mill.

AGRICULTURAL POLICY OUTLINED BY MANAGER

Farmers to Be First Consideration If the Plans of McCroskey Materialize

The vacation of Trade street from the west line of Front street to the river to assist the owners of the paper mill on which it is proposed to erect in Salem, is unanimously favored by the board of directors of the Commercial club, who adopted a resolution to this effect at a meeting last night.

The board discussed the situation from many angles and gave it thorough consideration before adopting the resolution in which the city council is urged to take the necessary action.

In the resolution it is pointed out that the owners of the proposed mill are willing to exchange a valuable steamboat dock site for Trade street and other adjoining ones and that the city would be greatly benefited by the exchange.

The resolution follows: "Whereas, The owners of a proposed paper mill to be erected at the foot of Trade street have agreed to donate to the city a very desirable steamboat dock site at the foot of Court street in exchange for which they ask that the city vacate Trade street from the west line of Front street to the river and

"Whereas, The board has given the matter careful investigation and has considered the interests of all concerned and

"Whereas, The city of Salem will be tremendously benefited by the establishment of a paper mill, and

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Salem Commercial club do hereby urge the common council of the city of Salem to grant the request of the owners of the proposed paper mill to vacate Trade street from the west line of Front street to the river."

Policy Agricultural

The policy of the Commercial club is to be agricultural in the future and all projects which will aid farmers will have first consideration. If the plans of Manager T. E. McCroskey materialize, as outlined before the board or directors last night, Manager McCroskey favors the organization of farmers' clubs, issuance of monthly bulletins, granting of additional powers and funds to the agricultural department of the club and generally making the form the dominant factor in the work of the organization.

The board expressed itself as being favorable to the plan of holding a corn show and poultry show during the fall of this year and steps will be taken to arrange for the exhibitions.

A nominating committee consisting of I. Greenbaum, W. M. Hamilton, and E. H. Choate was designated to submit names for election of one new director of the club.

To lay plans for the Buy-at-Home week, which is from April 14 to April 20, E. H. Choate was selected to head a committee in charge of arrangements.

It was decided that the directors will henceforth meet on Wednesday of each week at a 6 o'clock dinner instead of upon call.

Surrendered Submarines Sent to United States

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Five surrendered German submarines will leave England tomorrow for the United States manned by American crews and conveyed by the American submarine tender Bushnell. They are expected to arrive in American waters late in April and will be displayed at ports to be selected in connection with the next liberty loan.

Bolsheviki Continue to Fall Back Along West

STOCKHOLM, March 28.—(French Wireless Service)—The Bolsheviki continued to fall back along their entire western front north of the Pripiet marches, according to a report from Kovno. It is expected that Vilna, the capital of Lithuania, will soon be evacuated by the Bolsheviki.

GOLD EXPORTS PROHIBITED

LONDON, March 28.—An order in council issued this evening prohibits the export of gold coin or bullion anywhere.

Over 150 Women Claim to Be Lost Georgianna in Order to Get Chair

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—An old mohair chair concealing bonds worth \$4,000 is part of the estate of Mrs. Helen Saunders, which is being sought today by C. E. Ward of this city. The will left the estate to a daughter, Georgianna Saunders, who disappeared 25 years ago and Ward claims through his wife, her sister. More than 150 women have presented themselves as the lost Georgianna.

PARDON MAY BE DENIED RATHBUN BY COMMITTEE

Investigation of Iowa Case Enters New Phase With Yesterday's Testimony

OTHERS ARE PROTECTED

Indictments Against Relatives and Counsel Alleged to Have Been Quashed

DES MOINES, Ia., March 28.—Investigation of the Rathbun pardon case entered a new phase late today when the Iowa house judiciary committee heard testimony regarding the setting aside of the pardon and consequent imprisonment of Ernest Rathbun.

The testimony centered around the alleged "bargain" between the Rathbuns and the state counsel, which resulted in young Rathbun's consent to imprisonment and, according to previous testimony before the committee, was followed by the quashing of certain indictments against Rathbun's father and brother and his attorney, George Clark.

Most of the testimony was given by A. C. Johnston of Ida Grove, special prosecutor in the Rathbun trial and who, other witnesses have said, first suggested the alleged "bargain" to the Rathbuns.

H. W. Byers, committee counsel, severely scored Johnston, Attorney-General Hays and Clark for their part in the agreement, charging Johnston with "serving" Clark and sending young Rathbun to the penitentiary.

"That boy is being held illegally in the penitentiary," Byers shouted at Johnston, "and could be released on his own demand."

When asked if he did not think it unfair to have deprived Rathbun of his freedom "to save" others, Johnston declared he "had never considered the pardon legal, and therefore did not insist that Rathbun had been legally free."

NEGRO DENTIST FOUND GUILTY

Leroy N. Bundy Sentenced to Life Imprisonment for Inciting Shooting

ST. LOUIS, March 28.—Leroy N. Bundy, East St. Louis negro dentist, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary today by a jury in the circuit court at Waterloo, Ill. Bundy has been on trial since March for conspiracy to murder in connection with the deaths of Detectives Samuel Coppedge and Frank Wedman, July 1, 1917, which were said to have incited the rioting in which several negroes were killed the following day.

Immediately following the reading of the verdict, attorneys for Bundy filed a motion for a new trial on which arguments will be heard April 7. In default of \$50,000 bail Bundy was put in the county jail.

Testimony by state's witnesses was in effect that Bundy engineered the murders and that several weeks prior to July 1 arms and ammunition were stored in his home. Scores of negroes gathered at the home, it was testified and were harangued by Bundy. The shooting of the detectives and firing on whites followed the oiling of a negro church bell, it was testified.

Interest Bearing Notes to Buy Country's Food

BERLIN, March 27.—(By The Associated Press)—All foreign interest bearing securities except Austrian, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Turkish and Russian in the possession of Germans or residents of Germany must be surrendered to the banks for the government from April 2 to 12 in order to help pay for food delivered to Germany, according to a decree of Dr. Schiffer, the minister of finance, published today. The list includes American railroad stocks, steel trust obligations and New York City loans. The price to be paid will be the local stock exchange rate on December 30, 1918.

POSSIBILITY OF RESUMING HOSTILITIES

German Paper Says It Understands Suspension of Amistice With Allies Is Possible at Any Time.

SAAR VALLEY BOUNDS DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL

Occupation of District Until Reparation Is Made, Thought Plan

BERLIN, March 28.—(By The Associated Press)—The Lokai Anzeiger publishes a statement that it understands that a suspension of the armistice with the entente allies is possible.

PARIS, March 28.—(By The Associated Press)—The Council of Four engaged today in the consideration of reparation. Premier Clemenceau of France introduced a new element into the discussion in the form of a proposition radically different from that heretofore presented involving the Saar Valley. It is believed that the question relates to the occupation of that region by the French until Germany has effected full reparation to France.

France claimed all her 1914 frontier and the Saar Valley, leaving to the German populations not included in the frontier political autonomy. It was demanded by the French delegate that the Rhine serve France as a natural boundary.

Australians Have Plan. PARIS, March 28.—(By The Associated Press)—The Australian peace delegates have pointed out that the proposed amendment to the League of Nations covenant regarding the Monroe doctrine, providing for recognition of the binding force of the policies heretofore applied, would validate and confirm claims to preponderance in China and the Orient.

Fear is expressed in some quarters that the opposition which has developed on this account may jeopardize the amendment. Experts are trying to find a formula that will overcome this objection, and meanwhile the amendment has been withheld from insertion in the covenant.

Switzerland Involved. PARIS, March 28.—(By The Associated Press)—According to reports received by the peace conference, delegates from German Austria have made advances to the Swiss government proposing the annexation to Switzerland, not only of Vorarlberg province on her eastern frontier, but all of German Austria, including Vienna.

Switzerland, the report says, refused to entertain any such idea, it would destroy the character of the federation. The Swiss government expressed willingness to adhere only to the annexation of Lichtenstein, the population of which already has taken steps in this direction.

Albania Needs Guardian. WASHINGTON, March 28.—Request that the United States assume a mandatory power over Albania under the league of nations has been presented to the peace conference by the Albanian delegation. It was announced today by Constant A. Checkrezi, American representative of the Albanian federation. The aspirations of the Albanians were the subject of a conference held by Mr. Checkrezi with state department officials.

Hot Rivets Explode Gas Between Halls of Vessel

PORTLAND, Or., March 28.—Explosion of gas between the double bottoms of a partially completed steel steamship hull in the yards of the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation today resulted in the serious burning of four workmen and the scorching of seven others. The mistake of a laborer who flooded the compartment with illuminating gas instead of compressed air caused the accident. Hot rivets ignited the gas.

Voters to Decide on Purchase of Railroad

DENVER, March 28.—The Colorado house of representatives today passed a bill providing for submission to a popular vote the question of the state purchase of the Denver & Salt Lake railroad (Moffat road) and the completion of the Moffat tunnel through James Peak, which would give the line a low grade and eliminate trouble from frequent winter snow blockades. Supporters of the bill assert that its passage by the senate is assured.

Battleship Bringing More Northwest Troops

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The battleship Rhode Island is due at Newport News April 6 with a casual company of Idaho and eastern troops aboard the war department announced tonight.

Threatening Letter Is Sent to California Man

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 28.—A threatening letter signed L. of The C. C. was received by United States Senator James D. Phelan at his country estate at Saratoga near here, today.

The letter was received by Senator Phelan at his office in San Francisco March 20, but was not made public until today. It demanded payment of \$2000 to the writer, backing up the demand by various threats which were not made public. The manner in which the money was to be paid over was to be disclosed in a later letter, the missive said.

Senator Phelan announced that he would pay no attention to the demand and that the police are busy in an effort to trace the writer.

50-YEAR MARK REACHED TODAY

Ladd & Bush Bank Established at Present Location March 29, 1869

The Ladd & Bush bank is 50 years old today. This pioneer bank was opened on March 29, 1869.

It had been organized about a year before, but the opening for business was deferred to the date stated, awaiting completion of the building. It was the same building as still stand at the corner of Commercial and State streets, though the banking quarters have been enlarged, both east and south, and modernized in many ways.

And the business has grown through all the 50 years, too, until the institution stands for a great deal in the present larger needs of Salem and surrounding country, requiring the resources of a bank with large capital. There is one depositor who commenced business with the Ladd & Bush bank on the day of its opening, whose account has never been closed, and who is still doing business there.

The Statesman had its birthday, yesterday, and it was established by Asahel Bush March 28, 1851; the man who, 18 years later, was the most instrumental of the company starting Salem's first bank. During those 18 years, Mr. Bush had been a power in the early history and development of Oregon. Later, he became the sole owner of the bank, and all the stock of that institution is now held by members of the Bush family.

COMPLAINTS OF BRIBERY TO BE INVESTIGATED

Efforts of Ship Chandlers to Obtain Business Will Be Handled Promptly

PRESENTS SUBSTANTIAL

Companies Accustomed to Giving Money as Gifts to Faithful Employees

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Future complaints of "commercial bribery" connection with the efforts of ship chandlers and others to obtain the business of furnishing supplies to ships and shipping concerns will be dealt with promptly, it was said today on behalf of the federal trade commission. The additional statement was made that orders to cease the practice would be issued in all cases where it was shown that money had been given to captains, engineers and other employees of customers or prospective customers and that the rules of the commission would apply with equal force to foreign, as well as domestic shipping.

The commission was represented as strongly opposed to the practice, which had prevailed for years. Its attitude was explained in connection with an order, issued yesterday, issued against a firm in Newport News, Va.

For many years it had been the custom of concerns supplying ships with stores to give substantial "presents" to certain employees responsible for the purchase of supplies.

In some cases these "presents" have taken the form of lump sums of money, while in others the size of the present has been determined on a percentage basis. Shipowners generally have known their captains, engineers and other employees were receiving their presents and in many instances are said to have acquiesced by paying the employees an accordingly low salary.

Tennis Tournament Is in Semi-Final Stage

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 28.—The semi-final stage in the Coronado Country club's annual tennis tournament, started Monday, was reached today, some sharp contests marking the play. Maurice McLoughlin and M. Griffin, two well-known Pacific coast stars, will meet tomorrow morning in the finals of the men's singles, while Mrs. T. Bundy, who was Miss May Sutton, will meet Miss H. Baker in the women's singles.

GARRISON AT DANZIG WILL BE STRONGER

Germans Thought Preparing to Hold Port Despite Adverse Instructions from the Peace Council.

PASSAGE FOR POLISH DIVISIONS IS DENIED

General Nudant and German Government Exchange Numerous Notes

PARIS, March 28.—(By The Associated Press)—News was received here today that the Germans are increasing their garrisons at Danzig. This is taken as indicating an intention to resist whatever the disposition of the peace conference may make of the port.

General Nudant, representing Marshal Foch, on Wednesday submitted a note to the German government demanding a passage through Danzig for the Polish divisions under General Haller, which are a part of the allied army, and permission for their further march to Poland to maintain order. The note added that any refusal would be regarded as a breach of the armistice.

The German government, after deliberations between party leaders, laid down its stand which asserts that, according to the armistice treaty, it was only obliged to grant the allies free access to the Vistula to maintain order in territories of the former Russian empire.

The note refers to incidents during the journey of Ignace Jan Paderewski, the Polish premier, "who grossly violated the hospitality accorded him on German soil, gave the signal for revolt and civil war and who, when he was in Danzig, in December, 1918, said: 'If the Polish divisions from France and Italy should be in Danzig, then Danzig and all west Prussia would be Polish.'"

In conclusion the communication asks for information as to the composition and strength of General Haller's army, the date of its landing and transit to Poland, and what guarantees the allies can offer that General Haller's army or a portion of it, will not participate in Polish the Polish minority.

BERLIN, March 28.—(By The Associated Press)—The Lokai Anzeiger thinks that a serious situation has arisen through the exchange of notes between General Nudant and the German government. While it does not abandon hope that General Nudant will accept the German reply as a concession, the newspaper fears that his note has no other aim than to deliver Danzig to the Poles, and counsels the government not to yield an inch.

The Zeitung Amittag accuses the entente statesmen of having had their brains addled by the occurrences in Hungary.

LONDON, March 28.—Reuter's Paris correspondent says he learns that the American peace delegates are prepared to agree with the British delegates on their view concerning the Polish corridor to Danzig.

Tongue Point Naval Base Site Inspected

ASTORIA, Ore., March 28.—Inspection of the site at Tongue Point, proposed by Astoria people as a naval base, and a general tour of the harbor and inspection of the terminal facilities occupied the time today of the members of the house committee on naval affairs who are touring the Pacific coast. Data was presented to the representatives concerning depth of water at the Tongue Point site, and pilots who are familiar with harbor entrances along the Pacific coast told of the advantages of the Columbia River entrance.

Captain M. Nolan told the representatives that he holds licenses as pilot for most of the harbors along the coast "and I consider the Columbia river entrance safer than the Golden Gate," he said.

The congressional party returned to Portland tonight.

Enforcement of Bone Dry Provided in New Measure

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 28.—The lower house of the California legislature today passed a bill to make effective by state agencies the national prohibition amendment by a vote of 47 to 28. The bill defines intoxicating beverages as those containing more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol. The senate passed the measure last week but it must be returned for concurrence in amendments inserted in the lower house.

Chunk of Gold Eight Feet Long Would Pay Entire Cost of War

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—The actual price of the war to all nations estimated in bulk of gold bullion is a solid cube of gold eight feet, eight inches in each dimension and weighing 326,690 tons, plus 692 pounds. These figures were read to a meeting of thrift stamp directors today by Samuel Hubbard, Federal reserve director of savings of the Twelfth District. They are based on the recent statement of Secretary Baker here that the cost of the war was \$197,000,000,000, exclusive of damages in France and Belgium.

DEPOSITORS ARE HELD UP WHILE INSIDE OF BANK

Six Masked Bandits Go Through Vaults While Employees Are Herded Away

MUCH LOOT IS TAKEN

14 People Locked in Two Rooms—Escape Made in Big Touring Car

DETROIT, March 28.—Herded fourteen persons, including several women patrons, into the lavatory and the vault of the West Side branch of the Commonwealth State bank here, six masked bandits this evening robbed the institution of \$10,000 in cash and unregistered liberty bonds, which officials say may exceed \$65,000 in value. Fifty thousand dollars in currency had been removed from the branch to the main office only a few hours before the hold-up, according to J. W. McCaushey, president of the bank.

The hold-up was most daring. Two of the men stood guard outside the entrance to the bank while four entered with the man at their head waving a sawed-off shotgun, Charles H. Mooney, cashier and Paul M. Kell, his assistant, were ordered from their cages and with several patrons forced to stand with upraised hands while the bank vault was being rifled. The two bank attendances were then ordered into the vault together with four of the patrons and the big steel door closed. Eight other persons, including several who came in after the bandits entered, and among them two women, each with a baby in her arms, were ordered into the lavatory.

The bandits gathered up all the currency in sight and escaped in a big touring car. It was several minutes after the bandits left before the lavatory and vault were opened and the imprisoned persons released.

PERSHING'S PET CHEWS TRAINER

John Gear Attacked by Mountain Lion on Exhibition at Carnival

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 28.—John Gear, an animal trainer with a carnival was attacked and seriously injured by a mountain lion whose cage he had entered. The puma, formerly a pet of General John J. Pershing, sprang upon the man, knocking him down and was chewing his head. It was driven off by other attendants armed with iron bars and pistols loaded with blank cartridges. Gear was rescued by Pete Loftus, a circus clown, who entered the cage, and was taken to a hospital.

The mountain lion, as a cub was a present by Mexicans to General Pershing when he was in Mexico in command of the American punitive expedition against Villa. The cub grew up in the army and recently was sold by soldiers at Nogales, Ariz., to the carnival. Separation from a kitten which had been consigned to the circus was said to be responsible for developing savage traits which culminated in his attack on the trainer today.

130 MILES OF ROADS SCHEDULED

Six-Year Program Is Outlined and Approved After Stormy Meeting But Without Dissenting Vote.

PETITIONS PRESENTED FROM MANY QUARTERS

Oposing Contenders Are Won Over to Highways Favored by Committee

The program for 130 miles of roads as prepared by the Marion county market roads committee was adopted yesterday after a stormy meeting which was held in the Commercial club auditorium and which lasted nearly all day. There were delegates and petitions from all parts of the county and all favored some particular section of road benefiting their respective sections, but after much argument the program of the committee was approved without a dissenting vote.

The discussion was not confined to the general meeting of the various delegates but waxed warm in committee meeting and many changes and additions and cuts were suggested with fervor by their backers. The opinion was unanimous that six years was the most time which should be put on the construction of the first unit of the market road program and that 130 miles is the most the county can build in that time.

Kay Praises Committee. After the meeting of the location committee the general committee met with Thomas R. Kay as chairman. He spoke with approval of the work of the location committee and praised the members of it for surmounting the many difficulties of their task. He said that while some mistakes might have been made, he believed the committee members to have been conscientious and as fair in their work as was humanly possible.

It was pointed out to a number of contenders for changes in the program that the roads adopted constitute only the first unit of an extensive road-building schedule and that eventually all sections would receive their market highways.

Another meeting of the committee will probably be held within two weeks. The members of the committee are: Hurley Moore, Woodburn; George Hubbs, Silverton; Joseph J. Kober, Mt. Angel; P. Fellers, Donald; J. E. Smith, St. Paul; W. A. Taylor, Macleay; H. L. Downing, Shaw; George Keech, Station; Dave Lookey, Jefferson; W. M. Hamilton, and Theodore Roth, Salem.

Following are the roads to be hard-surfaced according to the program adopted: Aurora-Donald-Champoeg, 9 1/2 miles. Beginning at Aurora, running west to Schroeder's corner; thence south to Lebold's corner; thence west to the city limits of Donald; thence beginning two miles west of the west city limits of Donald at Verzin's corner; thence north via Champoeg to Guerin's corner connecting with the St. Paul-Newberg road.

Aurora-Butterfield, 3 miles. Beginning at Stoner's corner on the Aurora-Danald road running north to the township line; thence west to Butterfield station on the Oregon Electric.

Broadacres-Hubbard 5 1/2 miles. Beginning at Broadacres running east to the west city limits of Hubbard; thence beginning at the east city limits of Hubbard and continuing east to the Marion county line.

Woodburn-St. Paul-Newberg bridge, 16 1/2 miles. Beginning at the west city limits of Woodburn, thence running west through West Woodburn to St. Paul via Harding's corner; thence to Newberg bridge via Guerin's corner.

Woodburn-Mt. Angel-Silverton, 10 1/2 miles. Beginning at the east city limits of Woodburn; thence east via Mt. Angel to the Salem-Silverton road at Bethany corner.

Monitor-Norton corner, 3 miles. From Monitor west to the Woodburn-Mt. Angel-Silverton road at Norton corner.

Mt. Angel-Scotts Mills, 6 miles. Beginning at the east city limits of Mt. Angel, running east to the west city limits of Scotts Mills.

Silverton-Pine Tree 4 corners, 4 1/2 miles. Beginning at the east city limits of Silverton, running northeast and intersecting the Mt. Angel-Scotts Mills road at Pine Tree 4 corners.

Silverton-Willard, 5 miles. Beginning at the south city limits of Silverton, running south via Willard five miles.

Parkerville-Pacific highway, 5 miles. Beginning at the Pacific highway at Manning's corner running east 3 miles.

Gervais-Pacific highway, one (Continued on Page 5)