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THE WEATHER
Fair; heavy to killing frost in the morning; gentle northwesterly winds.

SIXTY-NINTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 1, 1910

PRICE FIVE CENTS

SIX BODIES BROUGHT OUT FROM DEBRIS

Explosion Caves in Tunnel on 13 Miners—Some Make Way to Safety—Others Are Entombed.

DISASTER IS SECOND ONE IN LAST 25 YEARS

Rescue Crews Busy Opening Works—Several Hours Delay in Starting

TRINIDAD, Colo., March 31.—At 9 o'clock tonight six bodies had been brought to the surface and the bodies of five other dead had been located in the Empire mine of the Empire Coal company near Aguilar, where an explosion occurred early today. Two men are still unaccounted for, but the members of the rescue crew believe it is certain they were killed, making the total death list thirteen.

TRINIDAD, Colo., March 31.—The Helmet crews sent in to the Empire mine of the Empire Coal company, near Aguilar, after an explosion this morning had entombed thirteen men were reported early tonight to have reached the seat of the explosion where it is believed the bodies of 12 men still missing will be found. The body of John Lundquist was recovered this afternoon. Of 36 men who were in the mine when the explosion occurred, 23 made their way out in safety.

The explosion, as indicated by the conditions encountered by the rescue gangs, was confined to a small area of about 2,500 feet from the mouth of the mine. Wreckage at this depth barred the way of the Helmet men, but air conditions are good and the ventilating fan is working. It is feared that the men caught in this part of the mine were instantly killed by the explosion or died soon after from the after-damp which usually develops from an explosion of gas.

The Empire mine is one of several coal mining properties in the Aguilar district.

"Twenty-five years ago today a similar explosion occurred in the Empire mine, killing two men and injuring two others.

Except for the body of John Lundquist, none of the dead men have been identified.

The rescue crew from Hastings and Dalaguia assisted in opening the works this afternoon but were delayed several hours in reaching the bodies by light gas and by debris which blocked the slope 2,500 feet from the mouth.

Seaplanes in Collision; Three Aviators Are Dead

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 31.—Three naval aviators were killed and another badly injured here today in a collision between two seaplanes flying over Santa Rosa Island. The dead are Ensign Carl H. Weigelt, Bathport; Ensign H. A. Robinson, Coldwater, Mich.; and Chief Machinist Mate Trueax, St. Louis. Ensign Jesse Ray Simpson, of Anderson, S. C., who was injured, was reported tonight as having a fair chance for recovery.

DEBS THREATENS TO CALL STRIKE

Unless Granted Rehearing in Courts Socialist Leader Will Rally Party

AKRON, O., March 31.—Eugene P. Debs, Socialist leader, today threatened to call a general strike of his party throughout the country unless he is granted a rehearing in the courts on charges upon which he was convicted under an espionage act.

Debs was confined to bed with a bad attack of lumbago at the home of Mrs. Margaret Prevey here when notified that the United States supreme court had refused him a rehearing. He refused to see newspapermen, but through Mrs. Prevey issued the following statement to the press:

"The matter is in the hands of my attorney, Seymour Stedman, of Chicago. I do not know what legal action they will follow as I have received no word from them as yet.

"Unless something further can be done, the program of the party to tie up the country in a general strike will be fulfilled. I am prepared to fight to the end."

Mrs. Prevey said Debs' condition is not serious, and that he will be able to be out within a few days.

British Military Bill Passes on Third Reading

LONDON, March 31.—The house of commons today passed the third reading of the military bill, by a vote of 282 to 64 after strong criticism of the government on the ground of wasteful expenditure and violation of election pledges to abolish conscription.

Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for war, made a vigorous reply to these criticisms. He described the broad band across Europe from the White Sea to the Caspian as smouldering or aflame through the Bolshevik attacks and declared that Germany and Austria were likely to slide into hopeless anarchy or form a military alliance with the Bolsheviks.

ORIENTAL TRADE DISCUSSED BY DUTCH CONSUL

Commercial Club Told That Markets of East Open to the Coast

BEN SELLING SPEAKER

Portland Man Pleads for Armenians; A. E. Clark Gives Talk

Ben Selling, of Portland, Anthony H. Metzlar, vice consul in Portland for the government of the Netherlands and A. E. Clark, vice-president and general manager of the Salem King's Products company, were the speakers at the luncheon of the Commercial club at the Hotel Marion yesterday. Mr. Selling spoke on behalf of the Syrian-Armenian relief campaign. Mr. Metzlar told of the possibilities in trade for the Pacific coast manufacturers with the Orient, particularly the Dutch East Indies, and Mr. Clark took marketing and co-operation as his subject.

Mr. Metzlar pointed out that the trade with the Orient is up to the Pacific coast at the present time inasmuch as the coast is closer by several thousand miles than are the eastern manufacturers. He eliminated European exporters as a menacing factor because the war has completely revised the wage scale of Europe and has destroyed the prestige of Germany to such an extent that Europe will never again be able to undersell the United States by reasons of cheap production.

"The prosperity of the Pacific coast," declared Mr. Metzlar, "depends on the service, on the quality and on the price of your products. It is up to you. The market is there waiting for development. Business is a cold-blooded proposition. If you don't go after the trade somebody else will."

Mr. Clark traced the history of his firm in Oregon and emphasized that all that was needed was the assurance of a steady supply of material and the proper spirit of co-operation between business men, workers, and producers of the raw materials to make Salem the most famed city in the northwest. He told of the future of dehydrated products and predicted that if the supplies justified it, his firm is prepared to double or quadruple its capacity.

Mr. Selling was introduced by Governor Olcott and at once launched into an earnest appeal for greater response to the call for aid for the Syrians and Armenians. Mr. Selling called attention to the shortage of \$2500 which exists in the Salem quota for the campaign.

"You may think it strange that I, a Jew, am appealing for aid for Christians," said Mr. Selling. "I am appealing for them because they are dying for a principle. I did the same thing in the Jewish campaign in Portland for the relief of the suffering Jews of Russia, who are also martyrs to their cause. The Armenians are being slaughtered by the Mohammedan Turks and the Jews, my people, are being slaughtered by Christian Russians. I am working for both for the same reason and you cannot deny me."

Mr. Selling was given the assurance that the \$2500 would be raised at once.

The luncheon was the best attended of any held recently. Theodore Roth presided in the absence of Robert C. Paulus, president of the Commercial club.

Hornbrook Is Out of Democratic Committee

Portland Ore. March 31.—Will H. Hornbrook, former minister to Siam, announced today his forthcoming resignation as a member from Oregon of the democratic national committee, on account of his impending removal to Vancouver, Wash., where he has purchased and will operate the Columbian Newspaper.

AMENDMENTS WILL CAUSE DISSENSION

Senator Hitchcock Predicts Disagreement Over Six Changes Proposed by Elihu Root.

VIEWPOINTS DIFFER ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Storm of Objection Would Be Raised to Submission of Disputes

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Disagreements as to the necessity of the six amendments proposed by Elihu Root to the league of nations constitution was predicted today in a statement by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, chairman of the foreign relations committee of the last senate. The amendments proposed by Mr. Root and contained in a letter to Will Hays, Republican National committee man, also were the subject of a statement by Senator Borah of Idaho, an opponent of the proposed covenant, who endorsed the viewpoint of Mr. Root.

Asserting that the statement of Mr. Root was entitled "to the highest consideration" Senator Hitchcock expressed the belief that his proposal for compulsory submission of all disputes including those of "national honor" and "vital interests" to an international tribunal for trial would raise "a storm of objection" in the senate and would be going further than other nations would care to go.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Root reserving the Monroe doctrine and American questions, including immigration, should at least be divided, the Nebraska senator said.

As one portion of the amendment treats of international policy and the other a domestic policy, Senator Hitchcock said, it is extended to the entire world by the proposed covenant and specific inclusion is not desired. "Our notice to the world still stands that we will regard it as a cause of war if any nation attempts forcible aggression on the western hemisphere."

"As to Mr. Root's proposition that questions of a domestic character like immigration should be definitely excluded from the league's jurisdiction," said Mr. Hitchcock, "I quite agree with him; although not in the wording of his amendment. I am quite certain that the only international questions can be easily made clear, and I believe it will be."

Other amendments proposed by Mr. Root were characterized by Senator Hitchcock of "less importance, affecting as they do chiefly the future development of the league, matters of procedure and withdrawal of the members."

Senator Borah, in expressing the belief that the American people would be "grateful to Mr. Root for this clear and courageous announcement of the true American principle," said it was not "in the interest of peace in Europe that we should forfeit these long established policies introduced by Washington and Monroe and Europe will not ask us to forfeit them unless she has ulterior and sinister motives for doing so."

"The situation at Versailles for the last few days," the Idaho senator added, "ought to be sufficient to cool the ardor of those who have been most willing to turn over our most vital affairs to a tribunal controlled by European powers."

Second Steamer Assigned to Pacific Oriental Line

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31.—Orders issued today by the federal shipping board assigned to the Pacific Steamship company for its new proposed Portland Oriental line with the steamer West Celina, an 8,800 ton vessel launched here last week. This is the second steamer assigned to the new line and promise has been given by the shipping board that two others will be added to the fleet within the next two months. The first vessel to go out, the West Munham, will leave this month.

Governor Olcott Renames Thompson on Highway Board

W. L. Thompson of Pendleton was yesterday reappointed by Governor Olcott as a member of the state highway commission. The governor announced some time ago that he would reappoint Mr. Thompson, and Governor Withcombe also announced prior to his death that it was his intention to see that Mr. Thompson was reappointed.

Heavy Bombardment by Bolsheviks Along Dvina

ARCHANGEL, March 30.—(By The Associated Press)—The Bolsheviks carried out an intensive bombardment of the American and British positions on both banks of the Dvina, in the Tulgas district, and at Kurgoman Wednesday afternoon. At midnight a large number of the enemy attempted to attack Kurgoman but were repulsed by the allied artillery.

Numerous direct hits were reported during the allied shelling of the village of Bolshoia Ozera yesterday. An enemy plane which flew over the allied positions along the railroad dropped propaganda, but no bombs.

HUNGARIANS ASK TREATY OF GERMANY

BUDAPEST, March 31, via Geneva.—(By The Associated Press)—The Hungarian government has sent a delegation to Berlin to conclude a treaty of alliance against the entente allies.

German officers formerly belonging to Field Marshal Mackensen's army have arrived in Budapest to reorganize the Hungarian army along German lines. The army now numbers one hundred thousand men.

TRUST LAW IS MADE TO APPLY

Withdrawal of Corn Products Refining Company Repeal Heralded as Victory

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Withdrawal today by the Corn Products Refining company of its appeal to the supreme court from decrees holding the company to be a combination in restraint of trade, was hailed in the department of justice as a new important step in clarifying the application of the Sherman anti-trust law.

"It is the view of the attorney general that the result in this case," said a statement issued at the department, "coupled with the similar decree entered last November in the Harvester case should go far towards clearing and settling the law on this important question."

As analyzed by the attorney general's office, the action is a complete victory for the government, with the additional provision that the government shall have the right to such further relief as may be necessary.

At the end of three years the measures directed to compel compliance with the law are found to have been inadequate.

TUGS WORK IN VAIN

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—Three tugs were trying today to pull the 10,300 ton tanker Imlay off the Oakland mud flats where she grounded when launched at midnight. Two tugs with a hawser between them to stop the ship in the deep water when she left the ways of the Moore shipyard were unable to hold her.

SWIMMING MEET SOON

NEW YORK, March 31.—The women's national junior indoor 100-yard breast stroke championship swim and the fancy diving championship will be decided May 7, under the auspices of the Chicago Athletic association. Secretary Ruben of the Amateur Athletic Union announced today.

'JAPANIZATION' OF U. S. FEARED

Senator Phelan Tells California Legislature to Guard Against Propaganda

SACRAMENTO, March 31.—The Japanese, "the Germans of the Orient," have carried forward their plans to "Japanize America" so far that it is necessary for California to start a counter-movement of propaganda, United States Senator James D. Phelan told members of the legislature here tonight at a public meeting in the assembly chamber.

The senator urged enactment of more drastic laws which he said the late Theodore Roosevelt had justified by the statement that Japan herself had erected barriers to protect herself against Chinese coolies.

"Talk to your returning troops," said Phelan in contending, that almost any league of nations in better than none. Only the academic league at wounds, only those who have no wounds urge constitutional reasons and the traditions of the past as arguments against an international covenant to end war.

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT TALK STARTS

Question of Changing City's Form of Administration May Go on Special Ballot at June Election.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE UNDERGOES CHANGES

Utter and Vandevort in Word Duel When Former Moves Reconsideration

The question of a new form of government is up again in Salem. At the special election in June the proposal to substitute the commission form for the present aldermanic form of government here may be placed on the ballot. There is talk to this effect, and while the matter did not come up for discussion at the meeting of the city council last night it was the subject of conversation among the members, and the statement was made for publication that the issue may go to the city's electorate at the special election.

The new traffic ordinance bill got through second reading in an amended form last night. Alderman Vandevort blocked an effort to have the rules suspended and the bill placed on final passage.

Alderman Utter and Vandevort mixed in an acrid exchange of words after the bill had been amended changing the speed limit from 20 to 25 miles an hour outside the fire limits and from 15 to 20 miles within the fire limits. Utter, who supported both changes, moved for reconsideration of the latter change, explaining that not all members were present and that he believed the public should be given the benefit of the doubt. Vandevort charged Utter with resorting to horseplay.

"I resent that remark. I am not resorting to horseplay," Utter replied.

Upon reconsideration the original provision was again inserted in the bill. Another change sponsored by Vandevort applies only to Ferry street between Commercial and Liberty. It provides that automobiles in that district shall not be parked in the regular way, but may be stopped in positions parallel to the sidewalks. The reason is that the street is so narrow that with cars parked at an angle, not enough room is left in the street for two automobiles to pass each other.

The ordinance to require a license of agents for books and periodicals may have trouble in getting by when it comes up for final action at next meeting. Alderman Vandevort opposed it on the ground that it would make a hardship on students who make their tuition money by selling books and magazines. Alderman Moore favored exempting local dealers.

"Some of them make their bread and butter this way," he said.

After a second reading this bill was re-referred to the ordinance committee.

City Attorney Macy was instructed to draw up a bond to be signed by the promoters of the packing plant in North Salem to be filed by the company before the city decides to enter into a contract for the purchase of sewer pipe for that district.

A discussion arose relative to the comparative merit of cement pipe and terra cotta. Alderman Simeral explained that some of the residents, in the light of the city's experience with cement, having expressed a preference for terra cotta and intimating that they might be willing to pay the difference. Vandevort declared the proposed sewer equipment was solely for the benefit of the packing plant because the residents could not use a sewer if it were established on account of lack of city water. Simeral said the public service commission could compel the water company to furnish the water. Upon motion of Moore the city recorder was instructed to notify the persons affected that the city would be willing to put in the terra cotta pipes if those benefitted would pay the difference in cost.

As soon as the traffic ordinance is passed the health and police committee has authority to employ a speed officer for a 30-day tryout. This was voted upon motion of Utter, contingent upon passage of the bill. It was over the protest of Alderman Wilson who said the police department had agreed at the first of the year that no additional officers would be employed.

The council adopted a resolution to re-employ in the fire department all former firemen who have been in the army or navy service and who wish to return to their former positions with the city.

City Recorder Race submitted a communication stating that protests are being filed with him relative to

Motorist Is Charged With Involuntary Manslaughter

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31.—Peter Westberg was held in jail here today with bonds fixed at \$2,500 on a charge of involuntary manslaughter, following the death of Dorothy Moeller, aged seven, who was run down by an automobile driven by Westberg Sunday. Detectives from the district attorney's office who investigated the case reported that the child was struck while playing at the side of a suburban road and that she was not on the pavement. Westberg was at first charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated, but the charge was changed to manslaughter following the child's death.

BODY BY ROAD CAUSES ARREST OF PHYSICIAN

Charge San Francisco Doctor With Murder of Miss Reed, Army Nurse

OPERATION IS BLAMED

Automobile Drive Notifies Police as to Location of Corpse

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—Dr. Ephraim Northcott, local physician, was arrested late today and charged with the murder of Miss Elizabeth Reed, the army nurse whose body was found beside Crystal Springs road in San Mateo county, March 8. Miss Reed's death was caused by an illegal operation.

With Dr. Northcott was also arrested Miss Frances Cronin, a nurse employed in his offices. The two were taken separately and after two hours of separate grilling by detectives, the warrant charging murder was served on Dr. Northcott and the nurse was charged as an accessory.

Dr. Northcott had already been in trouble on similar cases, the police said. A charge of murder against the physician, growing out of the death of a young woman as the result of an unlawful operation was dismissed today by Police Judge Matthew Brady only a few hours before Dr. Northcott was arrested for the murder of Miss Reed.

The information which led to the arrest of Dr. Northcott and Miss Cronin was said to have come through the mails Sunday night in a letter from an unnamed automobile driver.

Captain of Detectives Duncan Matheson, who assumed charge of the San Francisco phases of the Reed case said tonight that the police had found charred remnants of a hand bag, part of an amethyst ring and other articles belonging to Miss Reed in an open fire place of a house at San Mateo, owned by Dr. Northcott. It was in this home Dr. Matheson said, that the illegal operation responsible for Miss Reed's death was performed by Northcott on March 6.

Miss Reed went to this house, it is alleged by the police, on March 5, the day before the operation was performed and she died the following night.

The arrest of the driver of the death car is expected momentarily, the police said.

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MEN PLUNGE TO DEATH IN SWIFT RIVER

Scaffolding Erected Around Stern of Newly-Built Vessel Collapses With Crowd of Spectators.

SHIP IS LAUNCHED AS ACCIDENT TAKES PLACE

Only Three Bodies Recovered; List of Victims Is Still Incomplete

BRISTOL, Pa., March 31.—From ten to forty persons were killed or drowned late today when a temporary scaffolding extending around the stern of a boat on the ways at the Merchant shipyard, at Harriman, near here, collapsed, while nearly 150 persons were standing on it to view the launching of the freighter Waukau. At a late hour tonight only three bodies had been recovered. Twenty-two persons were taken to the Harriman hospital.

Thousands had assembled to see the launching and witnesses of the accident say the scaffolding seemed to turn over, precipitating its occupants into 25 feet of water. The accident happened four minutes before the launching was scheduled to take place.

Divers from Bristol and the Harriman police and firemen are grappling in the swift waters of the Delaware for the victims, but it is feared that the actual death toll may never be known.

It will be impossible to check up this list of victims for several days. Instantly after the scaffolding fell which the workmen had been sawing apart and the big hull slid down the ways, the section, it is feared, drawing some of the victims down to the bottom of the river.

Some of the victims, practically all of whom were men, managed to grasp the scaffolding and were pulled to safety. A sailor in the crowd of spectators jumped overboard and pulled two drowning men ashore.

City Formally Takes Over Traction Company Lines

SEATTLE, Wash., March 31.—Formal transfer of the street car lines and property of the Puget Sound Traction, Light and Power company to the city of Seattle took place at five o'clock today. At 11 o'clock tonight the city began operation of the lines—according to officials, the largest municipality owned street railway system in the world.

Epidemiologist Picked to Succeed Dr. Sippy

TOPEKA, Kan., March 31.—The appointment of Dr. T. D. Tuttle, health officer of Seattle, Wash., as state epidemiologist to succeed Dr. J. J. Sippy, resigning, was announced today by Governor Henry J. Allen. Dr. Tuttle will have charge of the quarantine of infectious and contagious diseases in the state.

SALEM MAY CONSIDER TELEPHONE SYSTEM TO BE RUN BY THE CITY

If the Oregon public service commission issues an order, pursuant to the recent hearing in Portland, allowing the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company to increase its telephone rates in Oregon, Salem may decide upon the establishment of a municipal telephone plant and system. The increased rates that would be effective in Salem would be grossly discriminatory as compared with the rates in other towns and cities, which in the other places will be exorbitant.

The city council last night by vote authorized Mayor Albin to appoint a committee to discuss with E. T. Busselle, consulting engineer, ways and means of approaching the establishment of a municipal plant and the committee will be appointed at once.

Mr. Busselle, who with City Attorney Macy, represented the city of Salem at the Portland hearing, appeared before the council and said that in the event the service commission allows the increases and the city should decide to establish its own system he would be willing to sign a contract for five years to engineer the plant at cost plus 10 per cent for living expenses and give the city the privilege of officially investigating his methods of living.

"My compensation would come later," said Mr. Busselle, "when cities all over the coast would follow Salem's example and have need of my services as an expert in these lines."

Mr. Busselle declared that a system capable of giving service as good as the present service could be established in Salem for considerably less than \$200,000 and give service for about 70 per cent the present rates. This is over \$100,000 lower than the valuation claimed by the company for its Salem plant.

The motion to have the mayor appoint a committee was made by Alderman Wiest and passed without opposition. City Attorney Macy reviewed developments at the Portland hearing.

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