

Fair in west, snow flurries in east, strong westerly winds.

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## SCHOOL AND ARMORY TAXES HELD VOID BY OPINION OF JUDGES

### Kelly and Bingham Hand Down Decree Permanently Restraining County Officials From Collecting on Levy for \$49,000 in Excess of Constitutional Limitation; Sheriff Needham Takes Action Early Today; Appeal to Supreme Court Certain

A decree of the circuit signed in Albany yesterday by Judge Percy R. Kelly, and in Salem last night by Judge George G. Bingham, who sat together in the case, permanently restrains the Marion county court from levying and the sheriff from collecting a special tax of approximately \$49,000 in excess of the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment to the state constitution.

Sheriff Needham immediately this morning will begin removing from the tax rolls all excess amounts covered by the court's special order, and presumably all who have paid their taxes will be reimbursed on the excessive amounts they have paid in, unless this procedure is halted by an appeal by the county authorities to the supreme court. It is understood an appeal will be taken.

### Jury Takes Up Cudgel

Suit against the county officials to enjoin collection of the excess amount was instituted by Ed Jory, as a representative of the Marion County Taxpayers' league which appointed a committee some time ago to investigate into the feasibility of bringing suit. The excess amount of Mr. Jory's taxes was \$163.50, and this is ordered refunded by the decree.

The case is state wide in importance and affects all counties.

When the Marion county court last December made the annual tax levy it was found that to comply with certain enactments of the legislature of 1919 it would be necessary to exceed the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment, or resort to transferring from other regular county funds to meet the legislative requirements. The court, with the advice of District Attorney Max Gehlhar, held it was without authority to make such transfers. Consequently the court ordered a special separate levy totaling about \$49,000.

Litigation Invited.

Within the order was embodied a suggestion that some taxpayer take the matter into court before the levy was entered on the rolls. No one took it up at that time, however, and the late date at which the litigation was instituted is a cause of extreme inconvenience in the collection of the taxes.

The \$49,000 represented by the special excess levy embraces the following items:

Common school apportionment, \$26,000, required by chapter 156, laws of 1919; high school tuition fund, \$12,000, required by chapter 271, laws of 1919; county's share for construction of armory at Silverton, \$10,000, required by chapter 272, laws of 1919; and general school purposes, about \$1,000, required by chapter 156, laws of 1919.

Not Liens if Unpaid.

The decree of the court restrains the county officials disbursing any of these funds, or apportioning them toward carrying out the provisions of the law, and the authorities are further restrained from treating the delinquencies of the special levy as delinquencies or as liens against property.

## SALEM AHEAD OF WESTERN CITIES

### Production on Per Capita Basis Puts City in Lead, Report Shows

Actual facts to substantiate the claim that Salem is the leading city of its size in the west in factory production on a per capita basis are contained in a report of Richard L. Rowe, who has been conducting a survey under the direction of the Commercial club.

The survey included every project, from those employing one person through the year to the new paper mill. There were found to be 98 such establishments with a total investment of \$7,200,000, and a yearly output of \$14,500,000 value.

The payroll of Salem's producing business includes 2100 names and totals \$2,005,577. The investigation demonstrated that every Salemite has an average income of \$1500.

This report is based, for the most part, on figures for the business of 1919, but in cases of new enterprises going, receipts are accepted and extended to the yearly basis on which all reports such as this are made.

Indications are that manufacturing has increased in Salem more than 100 per cent since 1914. Nothing exists to refute the claim that Salem is headed toward a period of growth and expansion and the more optimistic are willing to make extravagant predictions as to future gains in population and in wealth.

## BUREN BUILDS FOR NEW MACHINE SHOP

### EXCAVATION BEGINS FOR ADDITION ON FERRY STREET

Commercial Club Instrumental in Bringing New Firm from Portland and Finding Location.

Max O. Buren has begun construction of an extension to his building at Commercial and Ferry streets, directly across Ferry from the Marion hotel, and the new addition will be occupied by the Salem Machine & Welding company, a new firm that recently has come here from Portland. The new extension will be of the same general architecture and pressed brick material as the present building and will cost about \$8,000.

The present corner building is occupied by H. F. Bonesteel, automobile dealer. The new building will have a frontage of 75 feet on Ferry street and will have a depth of 57 1/2 feet and will be one-story high. It will be a distinct improvement to the street. Excavation for the foundation is under way.

The new firm of machinists that is to occupy the building was assisted in locating in Salem by the industrial department of the Salem Commercial club, of which Frederick Schmidt is director. The firm began casting about for a location several weeks ago.

### "Have a Drink?" He Said But Fool and Money Parted

Bert Lonergan of San Francisco is alleged to have invited another man to his barn in that city on a pretext of giving him a drink. Instead of furnishing him with the drink Lonergan is said to have held him up and robbed him. Lonergan was arrested in Portland and Governor O'cott on Saturday honored requisition papers from California for his extradition to that state.

## I. W. W. THOUGHT FOUND AT LAST

### Man Believed to be Ole Hanson Now on His Way to Centralia

ELLENSBURG, Wash., April 2.—Believed to be Ole Hanson, wanted in Lewis county, Wash., charged with the murder of Warren Grim, Centralia armistice day parade victim, a man who gave his name here as A. C. Larson and later as Oscar Burg, was sent to Chehalis, Wash., tonight in custody of Sheriff Berry of Lewis county. Sheriff Berry stated he was convinced the man was Hanson.

The man registered at a local hotel as A. C. Larson, but later told Sheriff Joe Thomas of Kittitas county his name was Oscar Burg. He said he was being driven from town by persons who thought he was Hanson. Sheriff Thomas traced the man's movements and put him under arrest.

Hanson and John Doe Davis, both wanted in connection with the Centralia tragedy, were sought by posses for weeks after the shootings, but could not be located. Both were charged with first degree murder in the information on which 11 other defendants were later placed on trial at Montesano, Wash.

## Austrian President Sends Easter Thanks to America

VIENNA, April 2.—President Seitz of Austria, through the Associated Press, sent an Easter message to the American people as follows: "Thanks to the generous food drafts on American relief warehouses we are able to make Easter a veritable feast of joy for many poor families. I wish to thank the generous donors and wish them the same joy which is filling the hearts of those benefited by their generous gifts."

## Draft in Austria Raises Very Serious Opposition

VIENNA, April 2.—Serious conflicts between troops and peasants in Croatia, arising out of the refusal of German-Hungarian peasants to respond to the call to the colors, are reported in Agram (Zeeho-Slovakia) dispatches, according to which the troops were attacked by massed bodies of farmers armed with axes and scythes. Some hundreds are said to have been killed, while many were wounded. The disorder is widespread and there have been wholesale arrests of the mutineers.

## Spokane Carpenters Refuse \$8 Per Diem and Strike

SPOKANE, Wash., April 12.—Rejection of a wage scale compromise offered by the contractors was voted by the carpenters' union last night at a meeting tonight, and the strike of 150 carpenters, inside electricians, plasterers and building laborers which began Thursday continued.

The contractors had offered an \$8 scale to the carpenters, effective May 1, but this was refused and the carpenters voted to adhere to their demands that the scale be effective April 1.

## FEAR OF RISE ON EASTER IS FADING

### Troubled Waters of the Irish Sea of Discord Seem for the Moment Calmed as Day Feared Approaches

## LAW AND ORDER GAIN ASCENDANCE

### Dublin Seems Normal and Lull Is Noticed in Murder Activities

DUBLIN, April 2.—The situation in Dublin today was normal. There was not the slightest sign of any Easter rising, rumors concerning the possibility of which recently became so general as to provoke questions on the subject in parliament.

The resignation of James Ian MacPherson as chief secretary for Ireland, did not cause a ripple of excitement here. Irishmen regard Field Marshal Viscount French, the viceroy, as solely responsible for the direction of affairs and seem not to be interested in Mr. MacPherson's successor.

Some fears are entertained there may be trouble in Cork when the result of the inquest into the death of Lord Mayor MacCurtain is announced.

The new field marshal, Sir William Robertson, who, it has been rumored, is likely to succeed General Sir Frederick Shaw as commander of the troops in Ireland, is on a visit to Belfast with Lord Devonport.

The lord mayor of Dublin has received a letter from Premier Lloyd George dated March 31, alluding to the impossibility of obtaining evidence in the ordinary way calculated to lead to the arrest and conviction of murderers, in the formidable campaign of terrorism managing Ireland. The letter says this fact places the executives under great handicap, because they do not desire to arrest the guiltless.

DUBLIN, April 2.—Fifty armed men today held up a train at Killoonan, near Limerick, and escaped with 3,000 pounds sterling. The money was to have been used to pay off workmen.

## GERMANS WOULD, FRENCH WON'T

### Miller and Continues Refusal to Permit Hun Troops to Enter Ruhr District

BERLIN, April 2.—The German government has announced in a communication to the press that it has resolved to dispatch troops to the Ruhr region as soon as the entente consents.

The decision was reached after a three hour cabinet meeting today.

## FRANCE CONTINUES OBJECTIONS

PARIS, April 2.—Dr. von Mayer, German charge d'affaires, visited Premier Millerand again today and repeated his former request for authorization for the entry of German troops into the Ruhr region. He informed the premier that some contingents of the Reichswehr entered the neutral zone Thursday not far from the line of Wesel-Duisen. Dr. von Mayer explained that this was done without authorization of the government, on an order of Commissioner Severing, and under the same misapprehension as had caused Chancellor Mueller to believe the French government had occupation of the Ruhr district. These large d'affaires added that the Berlin government had ordered the troops not to continue their march forward and said they would be maintained at the same place they now are if the French authorized it.

Later Premier Millerand sent a note to the German charge d'affaires requesting the government to withdraw the troops. The note does not give any time limit.

Officially the matter is regarded as a simple incident. The good faith of the Berlin government is not questioned, as it is said to have taken the initiative in informing the French government of the situation and immediately ordered the troops not to advance further.

## Toledo Cars Are Stopped by Strike for Higher Pay

TOLEDO, April 2.—All street car service stopped early this morning when 1200 conductors and motormen voted to go out as the result of the council's failure last night to ratify an advance in car fare to meet an increase in wages.

## DUAL IS NATIONAL SPORT IN SOUTH HEMISPHERE

### FORMER PRESIDENT ENGAGES RIVAL IN FATAL MEET

Victims Expired in Midst of Seconds, Surgeons, Sorrowing Friends and All the Formalities of Duelistic Romance

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, April 2.—Washington Beltran, editor of the newspaper El Pais, was shot and killed in a duel today by Jose Batlle y Ordones, former president of Uruguay.

The duel took place with the usual formalities, and with seconds and surgeons in attendance. The weapons used were pistols. Beltran was shot in the breast and died soon afterward.

The morning newspapers today printed announcements of the impending duel. They said that former President Batlle had sent his seconds, because of statements published in El Pais, which Batlle considered offensive. Beltran was a nationalistic member of the chamber of deputies and a leader of that party which is opposed to the "Batlistas."

Batlle twice had been president of Uruguay. His last term was from 1906 to 1910.

Yesterday was not the first time that Jose Batlle y Ordones met an adversary on the field under the code of honor. On January 13 last, Batlle was twice wounded in the arm during a duel with swords, fought with Senator Leonel Aguirre. He was rendered incapable of continuing the fight a few seconds after it had started, and the duel was suspended.

It was said at the time that Batlle had sent his seconds to Aguirre because of an article printed in El Pais, of which Aguirre was co-proprietor, charging that the former president was seeking to acquire pre-eminence in the chamber of deputies to further his personal ends.

In 1906, while president of Uruguay, Batlle agreed to fight a duel with Dr. Luis Alberto de Herrera, a member of the chamber of deputies and former secretary of the legation at Washington, after Batlle's term of president had ended. Nothing, as far as known, ever came of this agreement.

## WORKERS LOSE OUT IN HUNLAND

### Gradual Return of Power to Police and Military Held Next Step

DUSSELDORF, April 2.—Control by the workmen ceased theoretically at noon today throughout the Ruhr district under the peace terms ratified last night at Essen. Today being Good Friday, religious ceremonies were strictly observed. The turning over of their duties in the various cities is expected to be a gradual process.

The general strike was called off this morning and resumption of work will take place tomorrow. Street cars were operating in most places today.

The workmen's leaders are satisfied that there will be no great disagreement, virtually all arms in Dusseldorf bearing already deposited in the barracks and other buildings. Some of the red guards are marching in a happy frame of mind to their quarters to get orders for their service pay. This money will be taken from a joint fund contributed by workmen, the local authorities and the government.

The central committee apparently believes the reports which have been current that Reichswehr troops are advancing into the district, as it is announced workmen are again standing ready to damage the mines and the Krupp and other plants, as they have threatened to do. The moderates are confident that cooler counsel will prevail, expressing the belief that the stories are based on some misunderstanding which the workmen are constructing as an invasion.

ESSEN BECOMES CALM

ESSEN, April 2.—The city was quite free from disorder today. The populace enjoyed the holiday by promenading on the boulevards. Everybody seemed relieved at the advent of peace.

The red guards are gradually handing in their arms. Otto Bownespisen, military commander of the reds told the correspondent today that the Reichswehr troops which had besieged Wesel had gone southward to Dinslaken in the occupied zone.

## Portland Street Railways Contemplate Wage Decrease

PORTLAND, Or., April 2.—Employees of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, were notified today at a conference with officers of the company that they purpose to re-open the scale agreement for the purpose of effecting a reduction of wages May 1 next, owing to heavy losses being sustained by the company and its inability to obtain relief in increased fares at the hands of the public service commission. H. E. Kidney, president of the street car men's union, told the company officials that a reduction would not be acceptable to the employees. The question, it was said, will go to arbitration.

## BUILDING PROGRAM IN SALEM FOR 1920 TOTALS \$2,000,000

### Factories, Hospitals, Business Buildings and Miscellaneous Construction Aggregate Greater Amount Than for any Previous Year in City's History—Modern Equipment and Facilities Emphasized as Policy of Progressive Men

### HERE ARE A FEW OF SALEM'S NEW BUILDING PROJECTS; IF YOU KNOW OF MORE, TELL US

New paper mill of Oregon Pulp & Paper company.....	\$800,000
New plant of Valley Packing company.....	175,000
Building construction at Willamette university.....	120,000
Proposed Salem hospital.....	150,000
Additions to Hunt Brothers cannery.....	75,000
Salem Deaconess hospital.....	50,000
New building for Vick Brothers.....	50,000
Building at institution for feeble-minded.....	40,000
Improvements by Salem Water company.....	32,000
New building to be built by F. N. Derby.....	30,000
West Side Sand & Gravel company's plant.....	30,000
Salem Sand & Gravel company's improvements.....	25,000
Oregon Sand & Gravel company's improvements.....	25,000
Proposed new Salvation Army hall.....	20,000
Buildings and repairs at state fair grounds.....	20,000
Remodeling of Cross meat market.....	15,000
Additions to Oregon Packing company plant.....	15,000
Increased facilities for Spaulding sash and door factory.....	10,000
Oregon Electric road improvements in city.....	10,000
Extension of Buren building at Commercial and Ferry streets.....	8,000
New home of G. G. Quakenbush.....	7,000
Filling station for Union Oil company.....	6,000
New grill room at Marion hotel.....	3,000
Total.....	\$1,716,000

Salem's building outlay this year will total not less than \$2,000,000.

With factories under construction, one hospital under way and another projected, and a dozen other kinds of buildings either planned or now building, the expenditure of money in construction work in Salem this year will aggregate more than for any other year in the city's history.

Counting the big new plant of the Valley Packing company which was in operation at the first of the year, and assuming that the proposed new Salem hospital will be built, figures based on estimates of cost of the various projects foot up at \$1,716,000. In miscellaneous small buildings, and plans for larger structures which have not yet become public the aggregate will easily touch \$2,000,000. Doubtless this big figure will be reached without counting the Valley Packing company's plant which properly belongs on the program of last year.

## AMERICANS NOT SAFE IN MEXICO

### Same Peril Which Has Always Accompanied "Watchful Waiting" Still Exists

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Two new incidents involving American citizens in Mexico were reported today to the state department.

One of the attacks resulted in the killing of H. A. Jafredson, an American and the wounding, probably fatally of Alexander Oberg, whose nationality was not stated at the Amatlan camp of the International Petroleum company, by whom both were employed. The attack, which occurred March 30, is stated in the dispatch to have been made by Mexican soldiers.

The department instructed the embassy at Mexico City and the consulate at Tampico to urge the Mexican government to institute measures to apprehend and punish the Mexicans involved.

The second incident was an attack on a train which Major Edgar W. Burr, military attache of the American embassy at Mexico City, Mrs. Burr and two other Americans, Dr. Florence Hale and a Mr. Hurd, were traveling. All escaped without injury. The attack took place March 28 near Tres Marias on the Mexico City-Cuerravaca line.

The department was informed from Calexico that Calisto Ruiz, charged with the murders of Lieutenants Connelly and Waterhouse, American aviators, whose bodies were found in Lower California, had confessed and would be tried at Tijuana.

Another dispatch said orders for the return of the airplane of Lieutenants G. L. Usher and L. M. Wolf, army aviators, who recently were forced to land in Sonora, had been issued.

## Five Feet of Snow Makes Portland Rest Easier

PORTLAND, April 2.—Officials of the city water department today said that nearly five feet of snow has fallen in the Bull Run watershed, from which Portland gets its water supply, within the past few days, and the ample water for the summer season is assured as a result.

## Packing Plant Doubles

Representing the increasing importance of the fruit industry is the activity of the Hunt Brothers cannery on Front street which is building additions to cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000 at a conservative estimate. This big plant will double its capacity this season. A cold storage plant will be installed and additional warehouse room will be provided. The Oregon Packing company on South Twelfth street will increase its facilities by construction work to cost about \$15,000.

In the Salem business district is an activity in building that the city has not seen for years. The firm of Vick Brothers will have completed at an early date a fire proof building at High and Trade streets, with a frontage of 150 feet on High street on which the expenditure will be \$50,000. The building will house the firm's Sampson tractor and also the farm implement business. Adjacent to this with a frontage on Trade street will be a building con-

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