

BOARD MEMBERS ADJUST RIGHTS

Important Decrees Are Handled Down at Meeting of Water Officials

At a meeting of the state water board Wednesday decrees were issued adjusting the rights of water users on Hood river, Three creek and Snow creek. The Hood river decree is the conclusion of a contest regarding rights instituted by the Oregon Lumber company against the East Fork irrigation district. If the water board's adjudication is not satisfactory either party may take the case to the supreme court for final decree, although it was referred to the water board by the supreme court after it had been appealed from the circuit court.

Involved in the Hood river decree is a total of 30,000 acres of land and 5000 horsepower.

As soon as necessary surveys are made, rights on Pine creek and Owyhee river will be adjudicated, provision of this having been made by

the board Wednesday. Users of water on the Umatilla river were granted an extension of time in which to develop their land.

Until further action can be taken, water rights on Cherry creek, in Klamath county, will be divided equally between a faction which was represented yesterday by Fred Brown a farmer, and another in which the state experimental station of Corvallis is interested. The experiment station was represented by Miss Jessie P. Rose.

HUNGRY IRISH GIVEN RELEASE

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was to have been made to bring about a strike in England in support of the Irish cause. Mr. Thomas made a speech from a window of the labor executive offices, tonight endorsing the action of the hunger strikers.

The absence of military from the streets today was conspicuous. There were no tanks or armored cars posted at the jail, and the barbed wire barricades had been removed. The Irish volunteers assumed charge of maintaining order outside the prison and were implicitly obeyed.

Prisoners Treated Kindly.

The released prisoners in the

Mater Visericordia hospital say that the prison staffs and ordinary officers at Mountjoy were kind in their treatment to them; their worst hardship being uncomfortable beds. They were indignant at two proposals made to them by the authorities, which implied that certain of the men should desert their colleagues. Their attitude was "all or none."

The strike was in full force today. If funerals were in progress hearses and the chief mourners were allowed to proceed; all other vehicles in funeral corteges were turned back. An indication of the universal sentiment regarding the prisoners, apart from political bias, is shown by an appeal from Chief Rabbi Herzog to the viceroy for clemency for "the unfortunate men at grips with death in Mountjoy."

Expect Much of New Commander.

There is much speculation regarding the motive of the government's sudden change of policy. Public rumor attributes it to the influence of General MacReady, who has taken up his duties as commander in chief of the forces in Ireland. He is said to have great hopes of making military rule in Ireland more effective and more tolerable and he did not want to start with deaths and inquests in Mountjoy.

As 89 hunger strikers had been starving themselves for 10 days the form of the official announcement that those requiring medical treatment outside of the prison would be released, was taken to mean that all of them would be freed, and that this would be a way for covering the government's retreat from its former position.

Eighty-one of the hunger strikers had not been tried. Twenty were imprisoned under the defense of the realm act, without an indication even of the charge against them other than that their detention was merely preventive. Sixty were awaiting trial, mostly by court martial for sedition, though no charges had been made against them.

BRITISH IN CHANGE OF HEART

LONDON, April 15.—The release of the Irish prisoners was by direct order of General Sir Neville MacReady, and marks the beginning of an entire change in the Irish policy, according to a prominently displayed statement in the Daily Mail.

When it became clear some time ago, says this paper, that the policy of repression was leading to disastrous consequences, the premier decided to change the policy, and, if necessary, get rid of the men associated with the old regime. He suddenly and without warning told J. I. MacPherson, chief secretary for Ireland, that he was to be transferred to the Pensions ministry and appointed General MacReady in command of the troops, without consulting the Irish office. General MacReady, adds the mail, was instructed to inaugurate a new policy of conciliation, and was given a free hand. In other words, he was to supersede the existing heads of the government in Ireland.

General MacReady arrived in Dublin Wednesday and ordered the release of the prisoners after an exchange of wireless messages with Premier Lloyd George, according to the Daily Mail.

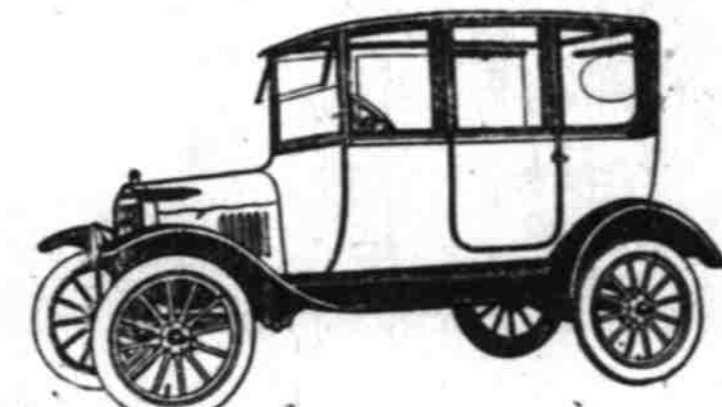
Inasmuch as General MacReady counted French was responsible, the

reversed the policy for which Viceroy, the paper believes, wishes a clear definition as to whether he or General MacReady is the chief power in Ireland, and may come to London to inquire.

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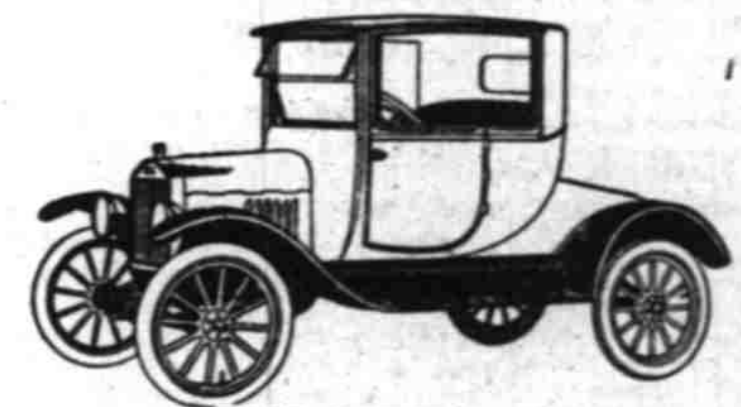
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ROGER SULLIVAN OUT OF POLITICS

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1879 to work in the railroad shops as an apprentice machinist at \$1.25 a day. he was reputed to have accumulated more than \$1,000,000.

J. M. WATSON IS CANDIDATE

Turner Man Seeks Republican Nomination for State Legislature

J. M. Watson, Sr., of Turner is the latest to enter the race for one of the five Republican nominations in Marion county for representative in the legislature.

Crowd Awaits "Sea Gull" but Rain Prevents Flight

Hundreds of men, women and children who hugged the banks of the Willamette river in a drizzling yesterday or thronged the intercounty bridge and the roofs of buildings, were disappointed when the "Sea Gull", the seaplane which was scheduled to alight in the Willamette river at 12:15 with petitions for the nomination of Herbert Hoover for president, failed to arrive.

made that the plane had not left Portland because of the rain and low-lying clouds.

Hearings Are Set by Service Commissioners

Four hearings were slated for Klamath Falls by the state public service commission. They are: April 19, Oiene crossing on Klamath Falls railway. April 19, highway crossing over Southern Pacific railroad. April 20, highway crossing over Klamath Falls railway. April 21, California-Oregon Power company, water and electric service.

Grand Jury Meets to Continue Investigation

To resume its investigation into bond transactions between the office of State Treasurer O. P. Hoff and the firm of Morris Brothers, Inc., of Portland, the Marion county grand jury will convene again today. The jury has been in recess for several weeks pending the completion of work by accountants engaged in auditing the books of the state treasurer in Salem and records elsewhere.

General Pershing Would Not Refuse Presidency

WASHINGTON, April 14.—While General Pershing is not seeking a presidential nomination, he told fellow Nebraskans here tonight at a reception given in his honor by the local Nebraska society that "no patriotic American" could refuse to serve if called "by the people."

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Soldier Compensation Bill Gets Favorable Report

Representative W. C. Hawley has telegraphed friends in Salem that the ways and means committee of the house of representatives in congress has prepared a bill providing for an adjustment relative to compensation for ex-service men that will be reported upon favorably in a short time. Mr. Hawley is chairman of a sub-committee of the ways and means committee and has participated in the drafting of the measure to be submitted to the general committee.

TODAY

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