

## HIGH PRICES MAKE FIRM QUIT MARKET

Puyallup & Sumner Authorizes Announcement of Temporary Retirement from Activity in Salem District

## SUGAR SITUATION IS SECOND REASON

More Conservative Attitude by Growers Awaited by Canning Company

W. R. Scott, Oregon manager of the Puyallup & Sumner Fruit Growers' Canning company, telephoned The Statesman yesterday in substance as follows:

"Will you please say over my signature that our company has temporarily retired from the loganberry market in the Salem district, on account of the extremely and unreasonably high prices demanded by the growers and the present attitude of the buyers, together with the high price of sugar."

Mr. Scott added that his company will be glad, at a later time, to come into the market again; when the growers become more reasonable and the buyers have a different attitude from the present one—when there is a better spirit of co-operation for the good of the whole industry.

Mr. Scott said that his company has already a number of contracts for loganberries in the Salem district, and they will have to be satisfied with that supply already in sight, and a limited output, if conditions do not change.

Packers Much Concerned. Undoubtedly the constantly increasing quotations on sugar are giving fruit packers much concern. This is particularly true of concerns that expect to handle the loganberry.

Because of the excessive acidity of this fruit, a large amount of sugar is needed to make it palatable to the average consumer. Adding the already high price asked for this berry to the still higher price of sugar, it is clear that in the canned form it may soon become so elevated in the retail market that consumers will turn to some of the cheaper fruits for their requirements.

The price of sugar is soaring upward at an alarming speed. According to purchases made by the Roth Grocery company, the wholesale price that firm is paying now is about \$3 a sack higher than their purchases made one month ago.

Higher Price Predicted. The Roth grocery now has a shipment of sugar coming from San Francisco which will cost them \$23.08 a sack delivered in Salem. The wholesale firm is selling this order under a letter:

"Based on the prevailing price for raw sugar, we anticipate still higher prices and, in the course of a few weeks we look for the market to be \$2 to \$3 higher than at present."

## OLD PERSONS ARE INVITED

Aged Residents of Salem to be Treated to Auto Rides by Club

Aged persons who were unable last Sunday to go on the Blossom day automobile excursions into the country and through the orchards of Marion and Polk counties, are invited to be guests of the Commercial club next Sunday for trips through the most scenic orchard sections. The drive next Sunday, if the weather is favorable, doubtless will be more beautiful than last Sunday, since the blossoms will be out in more complete array. Automobiles will be volunteered to extend the pleasure to Salem's aged residents.

## Longshoremen's Protest Delays Loading of Ship

PORTLAND, Ore., April 28.—The refusal of union longshoremen to accept wheat for loading from non-union men employed on the docks caused a delay of four hours in starting the work of loading the 10,000-ton steamer Steelmaker. The loading was started at 1 o'clock in the afternoon with a full crew of non-union men and continued throughout the day.

Steamship operators and stevedoring firms, grouped to form the Waterfront Employers' union of Portland, held that in calling for union longshoremen to load the vessels they are offering the union all the work over which they exercise any control.

## MAD POET HAS PRIVATE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

WILL SO INFORM NEXT MEETING OF PREMIERS IN SPECIAL MESSAGE

Declares All Peoples Enslaved by British Empire and United States Must Be Delivered by Ireland, India, Persia, Et Al.

FIUME, April 27.—Gabriele D'Annunzio's foreign office gave the Associated Press today the text of a message to be dropped from airplanes on the next council of premiers. D'Annunzio planned to show the San Remo conference but did not start soon enough. The message reads:

"The league of Fiume, a coalition of peoples oppressed and wronged by Anglo-Saxon hegemony; by the pseudo league of nations and by the peace conference, has been constituted."

"Gabriele D'Annunzio, defender of Italy's eastward march, is its chief. He has already the adherence of Ireland, Egypt, India, Persia, Afghanistan, and the whole of Islam and the oppressed peoples of the imperialistic Belgrade government including the Croats, Montenegrins, Albanians, Bulgarians and Macedonians. In contrast to the pseudo league of nations, it will cause the rights of nationalities to prevail."

"The peoples enslaved by the British empire and by the United States must be delivered. The Germans made subject by hateful governments thirsty for revenge, must be restored to their country. The monstrous edifice built by the international bank over the bodies of ten million dead must be destroyed."

## LONDON SILENT ON SENATE BULL

Bonar Law Says Each Nation Should Mind Own Business; Mentions Philippines

LONDON, April 28.—The United States senate's Irish resolution was brought up in the house of commons today and drew several pointed questions. Ronald McNeill, unionist for the Canterbury division of Kent, asked the government if it had "any official information regarding a manifesto to be issued in Washington by an organization known as the Philippines commission for independence, in which it was maintained that American belief in the principle of self-determination would be demonstrated more impressively by conceding the repeated demands made for independence by ten and one-half million inhabitants of the Philippines than by passing resolutions in the senate expressing sympathy with the cause of Irish independence?" and whether "as a mark of respect for the American senate," the house of commons would be enabled to follow the precedent set by the senate by moving a resolution in support of the Philippine demand for self-determination."

Andrew Bonar Law replying for the government, said he had no information on the question, which did not seem to be one in which the British government was concerned. Numerous other questions followed, and Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster unionist leader, asked whether it was not better for each country to leave the other alone.

Mr. Bonar Law replied he thought that in other words that was his answer.

## Todd Elected President of Salem Rotary Club

John W. Todd, superintendent of the Salem schools, was yesterday elected president of the Salem Rotary club, and a new board of directors also was elected. Other members of the board elected are Thomas B. Key, P. D. Thielens, John H. McNary, William H. Swanton, C. B. Clancy and H. S. Gile.

Ben F. Jones of Newport, candidate for secretary of state, addressed the club on the proposed Roosevelt highway.

## Woolen Company Attempts Explanation of Huge Profit

BOSTON, April 28.—William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen company, issued a statement here tonight in explanation of the company's annual financial statement which was made public yesterday and showed a net profit for 1919 of \$15,513,415, less reserves for taxes and contingencies.

"The profit of this company in cloth that goes into an average suit of clothes selling at retail from \$60 to \$65 does not exceed \$1.50 per suit," he said.

## Mine Workers Reject Wage Increase; Decline Arbitration

NEW YORK, April 28.—Representatives of the anthracite mine workers have notified the operators that their counter offer of a wage increase approximating 15 per cent, is rejected and declined to accept their proposal for arbitration, according to a statement issued here tonight by the sub-committee appointed to negotiate a new wage agreement for the hard coal workers.

## HOOVER VERY MUCH FAVORS SOME LEAGUE

Says U. S. Cannot Maintain Isolation and Is Against Militarism at Home in Vain Effort to Keep Out of European Affairs

## THINKS RESERVATIONS TO PACT ESSENTIAL

Favors Budget System and Business Reorganization of Government

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—The issues that will confront the Republican national convention next June were defined by Herbert C. Hoover in a lengthy statement received here tonight by his California campaign managers.

"The platform," Mr. Hoover said, "will doubtless be constructed about two general themes, first, the party view as to the many measures before the country, and second, the less tangible but even of greater importance, the ideals that the party will represent. Never before has it been so important that the party should convey its position in these matters to the public through definite and positive proposals, in order that conviction may be given not only of sincerity but in demonstration of the vital necessity of the party itself to the nation."

Mr. Hoover asserted his belief that all the different party platforms would urge some form on the league of nations and that "the people will value a platform as a higher purpose if it is tangible and definite in the proposals for solution of its items."

The following were named by Mr. Hoover as subjects on which the party convention would have to deal, in addition to a league of nations: "Business reorganization of federal administration; economy in government; annual budget; readjustment of taxation; reduction of cost of living; suppression of profiteering; betterment of agricultural industry; improved relations between capital and labor; better distribution of wealth; an American merchant marine; maintenance of civil liberty; extension of education; improvement of waterways."

"I am for all these things," the statement said, "but I wish to call attention to the fact that they will be put forward in every party; that even the Socialists on one extreme or the groups frankly in favor of special interests on the other extreme could also consciously adopt the same favorable attitude. Therefore, the Republican party must do something more than enumerate issues they favor. This is not only vital to the party, but it is fundamental for the working of our democracy to give confidence to the values of party government."

"Our people have an ideal of world service. It was not a passing favor in which we made the sacrifices of the past three years for the great ideal of the prevention of war and for the freedom of the oppressed. It now is a dozen years since Republican leaders—including Roosevelt—first proposed a league. This ideal cannot be ignored by the party. Its living force will insist upon our pointing in the moral forces of the world, to reduce armament. Check militarism and relieve oppression."

"Our people do not desire to see us pledged to use force in these purposes; furthermore they have no more sympathy for the growth of militarism at home than abroad. They will be faced with this growth and its costs if we insist on an isolation that we cannot maintain. Faithful support of the league of nations, with proper reservations, would be a shock to the spiritual aspirations of the American people."

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## RUSS WIPE OUT BIG JAP GUARD

Meagre Reports Tell of Rising and Widespread Massacre in Siberia

WASHINGTON, April 28.—A serious upheaval in the district of Nikolaevsk on the eastern coast of Siberia far north of Vladivostok is reported in a official statement issued by the Japanese foreign office, received today by the state department.

With all communication cut off, the uprising is shrouded in mystery but the foreign office said that all reports point to the conclusion that the Japanese guard in the district had been annihilated and several hundred Japanese residents, including the consul, massacred. The number of men in the guard was not given.

## DANCE QUESTION IS WILLAMETTE PROBLEM

GENERAL BELIEF IS PASTIME WILL NOT BE PERMITTED

Most Students Apparently Are Opposed Though Action of Conference May Alter Opinion

The Y. M. C. A. of Willamette university, led by Raymond Atterbury, student body president-elect, has been engaged for the past three weeks in a free-for-all discussion of public dancing which is especially pertinent in view of contemplated action by the general conference of the Methodist church on the question.

Opinion seems pretty evenly divided between those who favor carefully supervised dancing and those entirely opposed to it. Miss Sibyl Smith, president of the student Y. M. C. A., is of the opinion that most of the girls, including many who have no personal objection to dancing, are of the opinion that dancing ought not to be countenanced by the university. Miss Smith is, herself, opposed to dancing. Miss Mildred Garrett, who is also personally opposed to dancing as it is done, believes that student sentiment will never favor dancing in the university.

Verne Dain expressed the sentiment of a great many of the men when he said he was not opposed to "dancing," but that he was very much opposed to "the dance" as at present carried on. Augustus Anderson and J. Fred McGrew concurred in this opinion and expressed themselves as opposed to the introduction of dancing into Willamette. Some of the men think the solution of the dance evil might be found in careful regulation of hand-picked dances by the church itself.

That dancing will ever become a part of student life at Willamette is highly improbable, it is understood, because of violent objection on the part of members of the board of trustees and some of the largest contributors to the support of the institution. President Doney is said to be opposed to dancing in the university because of opposition of the Methodist church, though dancing has been countenanced and supervised by such well known institutions of the church as Northwestern and Boston universities, to mention only two. No authoritative opinion could be obtained as to what would be the attitude of the administration in case any action is taken by the general conference to remove the ban on dancing.

## JOHNSON HINTS JERSEY FRAUD

Alludes to Newberry Case and Manager Claims Robbery of Whole Districts

NEWARK, N. J., April 28.—Charges that Senator Johnson had been "robbed" of the Republican preference for president in at least three counties of New Jersey, were made tonight by William P. Verdon, Republican leader in Hoboken and one of the most enthusiastic Johnson supporters in the state. Mr. Verdon made his allegations in a telegram sent Senator Johnson in which he said: "You were robbed in Camden, Morris and Essex counties."

He expressed the opinion that Johnson would win at least 11 of the 28 delegates.

RICHMOND, Ind., April 28.—"I make no charges, but I have a very lively recollection of the fraudulent Minnesota primary and I have wired my friends in New Jersey for detailed information," said United States Senator Hiram W. Johnson, here late tonight, in commenting on the New Jersey primaries. He had just received a telegram from William P. Verdon, telling of charges that he had been robbed in three counties.

NEW YORK, April 28.—A. C. Joy, assistant eastern campaign manager for Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, announced tonight he was not willing to concede to Major General Leonard Wood victory in the New Jersey preferential presidential primary. He added that, even if Wood carried the state, the margin undoubtedly would be so small as to amount virtually to a victory for Johnson.

"We entered New Jersey with no funds and virtually no organization to battle one of the strongest political organizations in the country, the New Jersey Republican state organization," he said. "Unless Wood wins by a very large majority, it will be a serious blow to his campaign."

## American Troops Ready for Trouble in El Paso

EL PASO, Tex., April 28.—American troops in El Paso tonight were ordered to be prepared for action in the event of a threatened uprising in Juarez and the city.

Military police have been issued rifles and ammunition, and the city police have made arrangements to patrol a dead line in the lower part of the city beyond which civilians will not be permitted to go in the direction of the Rio Grande.

## SIR AUKLAND PLEADS FOR SICK EUROPE

Asks Aid of American People in Address Before Chamber of Commerce of Meeting at Atlantic City

## SOPHIA E. DELEVAN IS FIRST WOMEN SPEAKER

Secretary Meredith Says Farmers Are Faced With Most Serious Problem

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 28.—Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to the United States, pleaded the cause of stricken Europe before several hundred members and guests of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in eighth annual session tonight. Edwin T. Meredith, secretary of agriculture, and Admiral William Benson, chairman of the United States shipping board, were other speakers before the general session.

"The great American spirit," Sir Auckland said, "must assist Europe to its feet, and if this assistance were not forthcoming promptly, it might eventually cause America to be confronted with the great European problems that are causing so much unrest."

"Are you going to stand by and wait for Europe's troubles to come after you, as come they will, or are you going out to help Europe win through to reasonable conditions?" he asked.

Farmer Out of Luck. Farming was pictured as confronted with more serious difficulties than any other American industry, by Secretary Meredith. "American farmers," he said, "are not only in competition with each other as producers but are in competition with producers of other countries. Not only that, but agriculture as an industry is in direct competition with other industries for capital, and especially for labor. Under present conditions, farmers are losing in competition for labor."

"Farmers hesitate to pay higher wages because, unlike other industries, there is no opportunity for a quick turnover or to pass the increased cost along to consumers."

Producers in Dilemma. "Farmers are now faced with the problem of deciding whether to raise high prices for all the things they have to buy—farm labor, equipment, seed, fertilizers, clothing and supplies—and the investment of a large part of the cost of production in the spring months, with the prospect that after harvest, when they come to market their crops, they will be compelled to accept lower prices for everything they have to sell; or whether they shall cut down the initial expense of production by investing less capital in equipment, supplies and hired labor and by reducing acreage and numbers of livestock. The latter course means a stock. The food situation during the next 12 months will depend upon what answer the farmers give to this difficult question."

Mrs. Sophia E. Delavan, president of the Women's Association of Commerce, Chicago, said to be the first woman to speak before the United States Chamber of Commerce, addressed the civic development group at today's session. Referring to the progress women are making in industry, Mrs. Delavan said that while they were at times "uncertain, covetous and hard to please," they "can be dealt the 'rough stuff' that is given to unreasonable male employees."

## Bankers Favor Federal Help for Foreign Trade

PINEHURST, N. C., April 28.—Resolutions were adopted today by the executive council of the American Bankers' association, in annual conference here, approving the proposal that government assistance be lent to the financing of foreign trade as essential to continued national prosperity. A cablegram from Fred I. Kent, a member of the association commerce and marine committee in Paris, received today, declared that American foreign trade would be seriously curtailed unless something was done immediately to correct present unsettled conditions in Europe.

## Angel Team Will Take Trip on Special Train

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—The Los Angeles Pacific coast league baseball club will take a special train from Seattle to Portland next Sunday night in order to catch a train that will bring it to San Francisco in time for the game scheduled here the following Tuesday. W. H. McCarthy, president of the league, announced today.

## HEADS OF TWENTY WOMEN FOUND IN DEN

MODERN EGYPTIAN BLUEBEARD DOES THRIVING BUSINESS

Robs of Cash and Jewels and Then Burns Bodies but Keeps Heads as Pleasant Reminders of Success

CAIRO, Egypt, April 28.—The work of a modern bluebeard has been discovered at Tanta, 40 miles northwest of Cairo, noted for its Mohammedan festivals and fairs. Women were enticed into a certain house on the pretext of meeting a wealthy admirer who had been robbed of their jewels and then murdered. Their bodies were burned, except the heads, 20 of which were found.

## SEATTLE P-I NOT SOLD TO HEARST

Rumored Transfer of Stock Brings About Law-Suit by Majority Holder

SEATTLE, Wash., April 28.—Clark Nettleton, publisher and owner of the majority of the stock of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, has started suit against George Boole, a minority stockholder, it became known today, demanding delivery to Nettleton of seven hundred shares of stock in the publication alleged to have been "wrongfully delivered" to Boole by a local bank where it had been held as security for a loan to Nettleton. The complaint states that Boole is attempting to dispose of this stock and his own holdings to W. R. Hearst, from which attempt the court is asked to enjoin him.

In a statement today to the Associated Press, Mr. Nettleton said: "Any rumor that the Post-Intelligencer has been sold, or that the control of a majority of its stock has changed, or is about to change hands is absolutely false and without foundation. I own and have actual possession of the majority of the stock and it is not for sale. The suit against Mr. Boole is to restrain a minority stockholder from in any way disposing of certain additional shares which belong to me."

## HOUSE OFFERS PAID INSURANCE

Four Alternatives to Cash Bonus to be Offered Uncommissioned Veterans

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Republican members of the house ways and means committee virtually decided today to include in their soldier relief legislation program a plan of paid up insurance, its value to increase annually by compounded interest, and on which loans could be obtained from any postoffice.

With this addition, ex-service men might elect any one of the five following plans included in the republican program:

- A cash bonus of \$125 a day for each year of service.
- Aid in buying farm land, to be reclaimed by the government.
- Aid in buying city homes.
- Aid in their education; or,
- The insurance.

To popularize the last four plans the republicans propose to allow \$1.75 a day for each day of service, instead of the \$1.25 cash bonus as the basis for computing farm and home aid, loans and the amount of financial aid each man might receive in the form of educational training.

The insurance plan as such, was said by committee men to be a "misnomer" but they declared it was the "most attractive" of any of the five plans. The average period of service for world war veterans was 400 days, they said, explaining that under the insurance plan the average veteran could receive a paid-up insurance policy of \$1,857, payable to him in cash at the end of 20 years, or immediately to his heirs in event of death.

## Wood Has Four or Five of Eight Montana Men

COVER D'ALENE, Idaho, April 28.—At least four of Idaho's eight delegates to the Republican national convention, and perhaps five, are regarded as favorable to the candidacy of General Wood, one is known to favor Senator Johnson, one is regarded as non-committal and the other is represented as favoring either Governor Lowden or Senator Harding.

The state's delegates were chosen at a state convention here today in which discord threatened only once, and then was quickly suppressed.

## Britain to Establish Civil Rule in Palestine

LONDON, April 28.—The military administration in Palestine will be replaced by a civil administration as soon as possible, now that the mandate for Palestine has been given to Great Britain, according to a statement made in the house of commons today by Andrew Bonar Law.

## WOOD'S LEAD IN JERSEY IS VERY SMALL

Latest Figures Give Leonard 51,790; Johnson 51,402; Showing Slight Gain for General Over Earlier Report

## HARDING FAILS TO CARRY ALL IN OHIO

Senator's Lead Only 15,186 Out of Total Reported Vote of Over 234,000

NEWARK, N. J., April 28.—Revised returns in all but 84 districts in New Jersey, tabulated at midnight, gave Major General Leonard Wood a majority of 612 votes over Senator Hiram Johnson of California in the preferential presidential primary held yesterday. The vote was: Johnson, 50,790; Wood, 51,402.

COLUMBUS, O., April 28.—With but 103 precincts out of a total of 5,882 in the state missing returns at midnight from yesterday's presidential primary election in Ohio gave Senator Warren W. Norton G. Harding a lead of 15,186 votes over Major General Wood. The vote stood: Harding, 125,603; Wood, 109,417.

Harry M. Daugherty, Harding's campaign manager, has been defeated on the face of available returns, by William S. Boyd, Wood candidate, for delegate at large to the Chicago convention. Three Harding candidates for delegate at large apparently are elected. The presidential preference vote early tonight was almost complete. Sixty-nine out of 85 counties had been reported complete and only scattering returns were still out from several of the more inaccessible rural counties.

Returns tonight indicated 33 and possibly 41 of Ohio's 48 delegates to the Republican national convention will be pledged to Senator Harding on first choice, while seven and possibly ten of the delegates will be pledged to Wood.

## Crane on Way to China to Do Service to Humanity

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—Charles R. Crane, new American minister to China, declared here tonight that the United States will continue its "service to the world upon the principles proclaimed and dramatized by our entry into war." "I am going to China, and have my instructions," he said. "There isn't a word in these instructions that I wouldn't be happy to have every Chinese know. The United States has been demobilizing its army and navy, but it is not demobilized from its service to the world."

"We have not to continue to give service to the principles we proclaimed as a neutral expression of our democracy."

## Villa Wants Batcher Rights for His Trouble

EL PASO, TEXAS, April 28.—Francisco Villa with 200 men was 20 miles east of Chihuahua City on Monday and offered to join the revolutionary forces preparing to attack the loyal troops in the state capital if he would be permitted to execute his enemies, including those who had any part in the execution of General Felipe Angeles. Villa also specified that he was to have the privilege of executing General J. G. Escobar, commander of the Juarez garrison, who played an important part in inflicting defeat on Villa forces in the battle of June, 1919.

This information was brought out by a courier from Villa, who requested that money be sent his family in San Antonio, Tex.

## Canadian Embassy to U. S. Is Expected Soon

OTTAWA, Ont., April 28.—In answer to a question by Dr. H. B. Holland today, Sir George Foster informed the house of commons that negotiations toward the appointment of a Canadian diplomatic representative to the United States are being conducted by the government but that the government was not yet prepared to make any definite announcement.

## Rockefeller Gives Baptist World Movement \$1,000,000

NEW YORK, April 28.—Pledges totalling \$2,000,000, including an outright gift of \$1,000,000—from John D. Rockefeller, Jr.—to the \$100,000,000 fund being raised by the new world movement of Northern Baptists, were announced here today.