

COX CHARGE VERIFIED IN TWO COUNTS

Leader in Cleveland Drive Says All Workers Knew \$400,000 Was Quota Allocated to That City

STATE OFFICIAL SAYS ATLANTA QUOTA 25,000

Blair, Upham Assistant Admits Approving "Form 101" to Committee

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—Support of Governor Cox's charge that \$400,000 had been set as the Republican campaign quota of Cleveland and \$25,000 as that of Atlanta, came from Republican witnesses today at the senate investigation of campaign funds and expenditures. In addition there was an admission by Harry M. Blair, assistant to the treasurer of the Republican national committee that he had approved "form 101" a document setting forth a campaign plan which called for subscriptions of \$5000 and \$10,000 each.

ITALY SUFFERS FROM EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

AID BEING RUSHED TO AFFLICTED AREA

Unable to Calculate Total Number of Dead—400 Reported—Thousands Injured

ROME, Sept. 6.—Italy is again suffering from an earthquake disaster, the extent of which has not yet been measured. It is known, however, that hundreds of people have been killed and thousands injured. Many small towns and villages have been wrecked and although assistance is being hurried from all parts of the country to the afflicted area there is much suffering for want of food, medicines and shelter.

It is not yet possible to calculate how many hundreds are dead—the list is up to this evening shows close to 400 already reported. There are many bodies under the ruins, and there are wounded also under the ruins who have not been rescued. There are believed to be many thousands of injured; the hospitals at Spezia have already received about 500 and 300 others have been taken to other hospitals nearby. Improvised hospitals composed of tents are caring for many others.

All classes are combining in their efforts to render aid. Survivors describe the shock as terrifying. The air was filled with choking, blinding dust, so black that the sun was lost to view.

"It seemed like the end of the world," terrified peasants say. The great towers of mediaval castles were shaken, or partially destroyed. The ducal palace at Massa Carrara which was the summer residence of Napoleon's sister was seriously damaged.

ISSUE WILL GO BEFORE ELECTORATE

Question of Municipal Control and Maintenance of Camp Grounds Slated for Election in November

SUBJECT REFERRED TO PARK COMMITTEE

Two-Platoon System for Fire Department Endorsed by City Council

City control and maintenance of the Salem automobile camping grounds will probably be approved at the next council meeting. The question was referred to the park committee after it had been presented to the council meeting last night by T. E. McCroskey and R. O. Snelling, representing the Commercial club which has been maintaining the camp grounds at Winter and Oak streets during the summer. The question will go to the voters at the November election.

Mr. McCroskey referred to the ground as one of the biggest assets of the city, and declared that as such it ought to receive earnest consideration by the councilmen. It is his opinion that municipal control of the camping ground and the place operated on the plan now in vogue is feasible and profitable. Mr. McCroskey informed the councilmen that something like 30 farms had been sold at the camp ground to visiting tourists, besides a number of Salem residences.

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The Chemawa Indian school now has the distinction of being the largest Indian school in the United States, since the abandonment of the Carlisle institution at Carlisle, Pa. Mr. Sells is accompanied by his wife.

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HARDING IS GIVEN BIG WELCOME

Senator Outlines Agricultural Policy Before Applauding Crowd at Minnesota State Fair

BIG RECEPTION AND PARADE AT ST. PAUL

Nominee Makes Impromptu Plea for Americanism—Crowd Approves

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Mr. Purdy received a telegram from Democratic headquarters last night apprising him of the coming of Governor Cox.

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LOCAL WORK COVERS PERIOD OF 10 YEARS

Congregation Grows in Membership and Gives Liberally

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Dr. Avison's appointment to the Spokane charge was made at the meeting of the Columbia River conference which has just closed at Moscow, Idaho. St. Paul's church is a strong, well equipped organization, considered one of the leading churches in the conference, and in its pastorate Dr. Avison will succeed Rev. J. W. McDougal. His successor to the pastorate in Salem has not been selected and will not be until the annual meeting of the Oregon conference which will convene at McMinnville September 23. The Salem congregation had given Dr. Avison a unanimous invitation to return.

Administration Aggressive. Dr. Avison began his work in Salem in September, 1910, coming here from St. Paul, Minn., where he was pastor of Hamline Methodist church in that city for a period of 10 years. Under his administration First church of Salem has undergone a decided growth. One important phase of the work here in the 10 years of Dr. Avison's pastorate has been the raising of over \$60,000 for benevolent purposes, not including contributions to war activities. Neither does this amount include \$22,000 that was raised last year in subscriptions for the centenary movement.

The spacious Methodist parsonage next door to the First church on State street has been built since Dr. Avison came to Salem. During the 10 years 1441 new members have been received into the church, an average of more than 140 a year, and 824 have been transferred to other churches. The sacrament of baptism has been administered to 244. The present membership of the First church is 1270, making it the largest church in the Oregon conference and the largest religious congregation in Salem in the 10 years there have been 125 deaths in the membership of the church.

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NORTH BEND, Ore., Sept. 8.—Sheriff W. W. Gage and Chief of Police Bert Smith of this city today made a thorough investigation of several articles of bloody clothing found in a house in this city and gave it as their opinion that a murder had been committed. The clothing, they said, showed plainly that a bullet had passed through both the coat and waistcoat and the body of some victim.

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Rather than see the state highway department move to Portland the city council last night voted to offer the use of the city hall for the offices of the highway commission. The matter was presented to the councilmen by Alderman J. Baumgartner, and was referred to the committee on buildings for a detailed report to be submitted at a future meeting. "It has been called to my attention," said Mr. Baumgartner in presenting the matter, "that the next legislature plans to oust the highway commission from its present offices at the state house. Right at the present time no buildings are available suitable for the offices of the commission. I wish to ask the council to consider the feasibility of leasing the city hall to the highway commission to serve as offices. In that case, if a room is needed, we can move the councilmen's desks to a smaller room on the first floor of the city hall and lease the present council chamber to the highway commission." According to Mr. Baumgartner, the city will be properly remunerated for lease of the city hall. He pointed out that should the highway commission be unable to procure suitable offices in Salem, the offices will be moved to Portland. Mr. Baumgartner said that such a move would take many families out of Salem. That it was to the interest of Salem to retain the highway commission in the city, was the opinion of Mr. Baumgartner.

STRIKERS MAY BE RELEASED

Premier Willing to Free Men on Promise to Stop Murders, Report

LONDON, Sept. 8.—An inspired statement issued today indicates that Premier Lloyd George is willing to accept guarantees from Sinn Fein headquarters that police murders will cease and that he does not require a personal guarantee from Lord Mayor MacSwiney.

MACSWINEY LIVING ON VITALITY—DIZZY AT TIMES

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Mrs. MacSwiney on leaving Brixton prison tonight after visiting her husband said that twice this afternoon the attending physician had warned her not to speak to her husband, as he was living on his vitality. She added that the mayor suffered from giddiness. Friends of the lord mayor, his wife said, were much encouraged at the presence in England of Premier Lloyd George who returned from Lucerne yesterday and they hoped that something might ensue favoring the Irish prisoner.

CORN CROP IS BEST IN YEARS

Government Estimate is Over 3 Billion Bushels—Tobacco Next

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The greatest corn crop in the country's history is in prospect for this year's harvest. Forecasts of production based on September 1 conditions was placed at 3,131,000,000 bushels today by the department of agriculture. Such a yield would exceed by 6,000,000 bushels the previous largest crop on record, which was in 1912. A crop of even larger proportions will be harvested if the frosts hold off until late and maturity of much late corn now rated as of doubtful promise.

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