

SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11, 1920

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DRAINAGE IN VALLEY IS URGED

Active Movement to Make White Land Productive Likely to Result From Commercial Club Session

PRUNES OF OREGON TOP WORLD MARKET

Open Forum Meeting Rich in Betterment Ideas Voiced by Members

An active movement for the drainage of the white lands of the Willamette valley, so that they may be made productive, is likely to result from the meeting of the Salem Commercial club last night.

C. L. Lewis of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association, in a talk on his recent trip to California, was the first to bring up the subject.

Illinois Law Cited. D. A. White was the next to take up the subject. He advocated an organized effort to get a drainage law through the legislature and told of results that have been obtained in Illinois.

More National Advertisers. Mr. Lewis, in the course of his talk, told of the advertising campaign for Oregon prunes that has been launched by the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association.

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ALL HUMAN TROUBLE COMES TO AN END

SALEM GIRL CORRESPONDS WITH 'JUSTICE OF WORLD'

Butte, Mont., Man in Direct Communication With Creator—Deceit Is Eliminated

As a representative of the office of the state board of control, Miss Frances Gellatly, deputy clerk, has established communication with a Butte, Mont., man who claims to be "justice of the world."

Some time ago the Butte man wrote the board of control office for the names of the superintendents of all state institutions and for the population of each institution. The data was sent him by Miss Gellatly. Yesterday this acknowledgment came: "I wish to thank you all for your aid in giving me the number of inmates in the state institutions."

ARMISTICE DAY IS ACCLAIMED

American Legion Commander Issues Open Message to Nation

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Calling for acclamation of Armistice Day in the "spirit that made it," F. W. Galbraith, Jr., national commander of the American Legion, tonight issued an open message to the nation.

"The swift triumph of our arms and those of our gallant allies, which two years ago gave up the victory the anniversary of which we celebrate tomorrow, marks the high light of the present century in American affairs," he said.

"Victories such as Armistice day commemorates are not the issues solely of clashes of flesh and steel. They are of a finer quality than that. They are triumphs as well of an unengendered spirit.

"With this prayer in our hearts let us renew each year our vows and pledges and keep unshakable our faith in the high ideals, the lofty purposes, and the unselfish aspirations and exalted hopes that fired the hearts of Americans in 1918 and made for a land more wholesome and glorious than the one we have known before."

TURKEY HOLDS COL. COOMBS

Director of Relief Marooned by Nationalists Who Oppose America

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—The friendly attitude of the United States towards Armenia and absence of diplomatic relations with Turkey are given as reasons for the Turkish Nationalists' action in holding Colonel J. P. Coombs, director of relief in the Near East, at Samsoun, according to a message from Colonel Coombs to the organization's representative in Constantinople, received by cable tonight.

Previous dispatches from Constantinople reported that the nationalists had refused Colonel Coombs permission to enter the interior on a tour of inspection to allow him to return to Constantinople. His message to the nationalists, stating that the mission was refused on three grounds, first because of the diplomatic relations between Turkey and the United States were not yet in force and because the United States belongs to "a political party" desiring to force "reluctant Armenians to accept the 'religion of the Seres treaty.'"

The second reason was that in Oriental questions America is "always on the side of Armenia, the worst enemy of the Turks, and has sustained Armenian morale materially without taking into consideration Turkish claims."

BASEBALL WAR CLOUDS ROLL AWAY

Amicable Settlement Seems Assured When Leagues Leave Disagreements in Hands of Committee

AMERICANS TO ACCEPT FORMULATED PLANS

All Leagues Join in Crusade Against Gambling in National Game

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 10.—War clouds tonight are vanishing from the major league baseball horizon with indications favoring an amicable settlement when the belligerent major leagues meet in a joint session in Chicago Friday to effect a peace pact.

Differences to Be Adjusted. The 16 club owners of the two warring leagues agreed to meet in the same room in Chicago and attempt to adjust their differences without the aid of any outsiders. It was agreed that only the club owners shall attend this meeting and that both President Johnson of the American League and President Heydler of the National League and others who have participated in recent sessions shall remain away.

Peace Was Dramatic. President Ban Johnson of the American League in commenting on the joint meeting, issued the following statement: "The American league has been standing for the principle that a reorganization of baseball should be worked out primarily by a committee composed of representatives from the National league, the American league and the National association. It seems now that such a committee is to be created to consider and work out a plan for reorganization.

Former Plan Acceptable. While the National league club owners issued no formal statement, most of them take the stand that what already has been done for the reorganization of baseball at the conference cannot be changed at the conference Friday. This was taken to mean that the selection of Federal Judge Landis of Chicago as chairman of the new board of control at a salary of \$50,000 a year must be accepted by the American league club owners.

Harmony Is Keenote. After Mr. Herrmann's address, Charles Ebbetts of the Brooklyn club, and Barney Dreyfus of the Pittsburgh Nationals, were called upon, and the keynote of all three speeches was harmony. Mr. Herrmann said the 11 clubs which he represented would be willing to

From nearly every state the veterans have come into Dix for the reunion tomorrow. The agreement to make a last minute attempt to avert a baseball war was reached at a meeting of the directors of the American league at noon today and was one of the results of conferences between the owners of the rival major league factions. The peace news was announced in dramatic fashion in the middle of an address by Hermann, owner of the Cincinnati Nationals, who was delivering to the minor league meeting.

VETERANS GO OVER TOP IN BIG SHAM BATTLE

GIGANTIC SPECTACLE IS SEEN BY THOUSANDS

Battle-Hardened Warriors Gaze in Awe at Flare of Terrific Encounter

CAMP DIX, N. J., Nov. 10.—Under the light of star shells, flares and other illuminants, the old First division, America's first fighting unit to participate in the world war, went "over the top" tonight in a gigantic sham battle for the entertainment of 10,000 of its own veterans in reunion, and thousands of civilian visitors.

Carefully watched by nurses lest they suffer from actual shell shock and over-excitement, 35 division veterans lay in ambulances along the hilltop and watched the battle. They came in on a special train last night from Walter Reid hospital at Washington, D. C., where their old wounds have kept them under treatment for more than two years.

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HILL-CLIMBERS PERFORM TODAY

Best Riders in All Northwest Come for Events of This Afternoon

Members of the Salem Motorcycle club report that the course for the all-northwest hill climb today is all marked and signed on the Canyon road three and one-half miles south of Salem, and that everything else is in readiness for the big Armistice day event.

From ten to a dozen Salem riders are expected to participate in the events, while Portland is to contribute no less than 75 riders, and others will come from all over the northwest. Not only will Albany, Eugene, Dallas, McMinnville and other western Oregon towns send their best riders, but fast men, it is said, are also coming from Washington and Idaho cities. In all about 150 riders are expected.

HARDING LANDS FIRST TARPOON

Mrs. Harding Hooks Six Foot Fish Which Struggles Half an Hour

POINT ISABEL, Tex., Nov. 10.—President-elect Harding landed his first tarpon today and came back from the Point Isabel fishing grounds looking prouder than he did when a week ago late election figures confirmed his overwhelming majority for the presidency.

Mrs. Harding shared the honors of the day, for she also hooked a tarpon. It was almost a six-footer, however, and she did not try to land it. She passed the rod over to Senator Hale, a guest of the president-elect and his wife on their vacation trip and he brought it in after a struggle of more than a half hour.

MESSAGE THREATENS REPRISALS IN U. S.

ENGLISH EMBASSY MAKE KNOWN LETTER

Three Englishmen in America Must Pay Penalty for One Life in Ireland

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—The British embassy announced today it had taken steps to call the attention of the state department to a message recently received by the British chief secretary for Ireland, dated New York and threatening reprisals against Englishmen resident in the United States, "if there are any more reprisals in Ireland on and after the 14th day of November, 1920."

"We hereby inform and warn you that if there are any more reprisals in Ireland on and after the 14th day of November, 1920, that the men of Irish blood in this country and their sympathizers will immediately begin reprisals on Englishmen here who are not citizens of the United States; for every man, woman or child who is murdered after the above date by the cowardly English soldiers and police, three Englishmen in this country will pay the penalty." "Amalinated Irish Societies of America, J. V. O'Connor, President."

ALBANY GOOD TO CHERRIANS

King Bing Clancey Crowd Was Still Dancing When He Left Town

Cherrians and their wives to the number of 60 went to Albany yesterday to have a good time. They had it. They ate, they sang, they danced, and the last heard of them they were still dancing and may be yet. This was the report brought back by King Bing Clancey who got home about 11 o'clock last night.

After dinner the Cherrians were taken to the Albany Public Library which they inspected, and this was followed by a social hour at the New Albany hotel. The dance at Lee L. Gilbert's new place of business was supposed to be the concluding entertainment, but was still going when Clancey left town. This was preceded by music in which both Albany and Salem musicians participated.

HARDING ISSUES APPEAL FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—On the eve of the opening of the public call of the American Red Cross an appeal from President-elect Harding was issued today from the national headquarters here. It read:

"Noting that your membership roll call for the season is impending, I have wanted to express my very earnest sympathy for your cause and my hopes that it may be forwarded by the coming campaign. It is in all the world there is an organization more entitled to be regarded as doing good universally and doing nothing else at any time or place, I do not know what it may be."

"It would be peculiarly a misfortune if the November 11th and splendid purpose of useful achievement should lose any measure of its efficiency because the special interest and enthusiasm of war time has been lost. Your organization has been built to serve humanity, and humanity needs its service in peace, just as it did in war. My wishes for all success go out to you."

LAX METHODS REVEALED IN LATE REPORT

Admiral Benson Places All Records, Officers as Well as Board Employees at Disposal of Committee

FAVORITISM IS HELD AS SPECIFIC CHARGE

Records of Shipping Board Were Carelessly Handled and Preserved

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Additional evidence of alleged irregularities and mismanagement in the affairs of the United States shipping board were introduced today before the congressional committee investigating the affairs of the board by J. F. Richardson, assistant secretary and statistician of the committee.

The investigation is based largely on a report submitted by Mr. Richardson and A. M. Fisher, secretary and statistician of the committee, after a year's work. At the conclusion of today's session, Chairman Walsh announced that Commander A. B. Clemente, executive assistant to Admiral Benson, chairman of the shipping board, would be a witness tomorrow. Chairman Walsh read a telegram from Admiral Benson, which stated that the board would not object to Commander Clemente testifying and that the records, officers and employees of the board were at the disposal of the committee as desired.

Officials To Appear. Mr. Walsh said Admiral Benson and other officials of the board, as well as Charles M. Schwab and Charles Fies, former heads of the emergency fleet corporation, may be asked to appear. The hearings will be continued in New York for two weeks and then it is likely, said Chairman Walsh, that the committee will go to Philadelphia and Washington. Cross-examination by Representative H. J. Steele of Mr. Richardson took up a considerable part of the afternoon session. Charles H. Steele, former secretary of the board, testified as a general matter that a shipbuilding firm in Texas had "threatened" to appeal to a senator from that state to bring about what was claimed by the company to be a delay in a settlement of an account. He added that he had no knowledge as to what, if anything, the senator did.

Another instance recited was that a former congressman had accompanied an officer of a shipbuilding firm to Washington to assist in obtaining a contract. He added that he had no knowledge of any shipyard or contracting firm in which a member of congress was interested. He also said that he did not criticize all of the allocation contracts entered into by the board.

Records Not Preserved. The witness also brought out in his testimony incidents of what he termed carelessness in the handling and preserving of shipping board records. In one of the southern districts he said desks and file cabinets were disposed of without the contents being removed and that these records were scattered and many of them destroyed. In one case, he testified where filing cases had been certified and sold as surplus duplicates were purchased but a short time later at a "greatly increased price."

It was brought out at the hearing that records of draft board exemptions, blue prints for the construction of shipyards and other valuable records were lost during the consolidation of three southern districts of shipping board at New Orleans.

According to the testimony, an auction sale was held in a warehouse where many files containing valuable records were piled, loosely bound. The records, it was said, were trampled upon by the crowd attending the auction and many were found sticking in the cracks of the walls.

FOUR YEAR OLD SEEKS VAINLY TO SAVE SISTER

BOY TRIES TO SAVE INFANT RUTH FROM FLAMES

Mother Returns from Neighbor's to Find House Afire and Her Children Lost

MARSHALL, Tex., Nov. 10.—Impressed by flames, 4-year-old Frederic Murphy today sought vainly to save the life of his infant sister, Mary Virginia, 17 months old, and himself perished in the attempt. The child's heroism was disclosed with the discovery of the two bodies, fearfully burned in a corner under the bed in the flames-destructed room of the Murphy home today, the little boy hugging his sister closely in his arms. Mrs. Murphy returning from a neighbor's home saw her own residence in flames and suffered critical burns trying to reach her children.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL UNDER WAY

Solicitors Start Out Early Today With Intention to Enroll Everyone in Marion and Polk Counties

CHAIRMAN M'DANIEL SAYS ALL IS READY

Some Outlying Districts Report Hundred Per Cent Results Ahead of Gong

The fourth annual Red Cross roll call of Willamette chapter for Marion and Polk counties opens this morning. The committees are ready to take the field and carry the roll call into every home in the two counties before the eve of Thanksgiving. Forty-one captains and managers in Salem begin their active work today, and the other towns and communities in the jurisdiction of the local chapter are prepared for the renewal work. It is the plan of the chapter to have every resident visited and enrolled within a week. The additional work has been given to enable captains to visit those who were absent during the earlier part of the roll call.

Perfect Scores Made. "Everything is ready for the roll call. We expect to enroll a higher percentage than ever before since the Red Cross has been operating on a peace basis," said Chairman Bruce McDaniel of the Willamette committee last night. "Our organization is widespread and virtually covers every corner of the entire territory under the jurisdiction of the chapter. Reports are already coming into the headquarters from outlying districts where some of the assistants have already canvassed their communities and secured 100 per cent results. Unstated support on the part of every person under the Red Cross work and activities will mean success for Willamette chapter."

Many of the districts will be visited and completely solicited in one or two days while others will require repeated canvassing before all the territory is visited. The office especially requests that any residents who by chance may not be visited either bring their membership money to the headquarters or phone 756 so that a solicitor may be sent out.

The leaders in the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. work at Willamette university are conducting the roll call at that institution under the direction of the presidents of the two organizations. Members of the faculty are to be enrolled by President Carl G. Doney. Some of the universities have been scheduled to act as solicitors in several Salem sections.

The heads of practically all the state institutions located in this district have taken charge of the roll call at their own institutions. In cases where such a position is not held, special managers have been appointed to cover the districts. Many offices have already completed their enrollment. The members of the Junior reserve are to conduct Red Cross booths which are to be placed in prominent locations throughout the city, as well as a "flying squadron clean up" near the end of the time set for the roll call, according to present plans.

In addition to those names listed several days ago, the following women have been appointed as managers and captains: Mrs. W. R. Ringle, Miss Cosper, Mrs. O. Clark, Miss Fisher, Miss Willett, Mrs. H. W. Hall, Chenawa, Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. A. M. Vassall, Mrs. G. Terwilliger, Mrs. George Vick, Mrs. Curtis Cross, Mrs. H. H. Vandervoort, Mrs. E. Davidson of Marion and Mrs. George Hubbs, of Silvertown.

Klamath Experiences Great Water Shortage

PORTLAND, Nov. 10.—The greatest water shortage since 1889 is now being experienced in parts of Klamath and Lake counties, due to the unusual dryness of the springs and streams of the region. According to H. C. Briggs, assistant engineer of the United States Biological survey, Mr. Briggs has just returned from a trip of field inspection in the Klamath and Lake sections and says that numerous springs on the road from Chiloquin in Klamath county, to Silver Lake are entirely dry. Williamson river, which furnishes drainage for some 10,000 square miles, is nearly dry, he said, and from June to October of this year was totally dry.

Duelling Has Become Antiquated in France

PARIS, Nov. 10.—"Duelling is a foolish practice and there is no place for it in France since the war," said Leon Daudet, member of the chamber of deputies in Paris and leader of the royalist party in France, in refusing a challenge from Paul Denise, deputy minister of marine, who was to meet him on the field of honor. "The challenge of M. Denise was the outgrowth of an article signed by M. Daudet and printed in his newspaper, Action Francaise, in which Daudet adversely criticized the late Camille Pelletou, former minister of marine, who was a brother-in-law of Denise. Denise, prior to the war, fought 11 duels, using swords or pistols."

THE WEATHER: Oregon: Thursday, fair, except rain in southwest portion; moderate easterly winds.

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