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SPANISH PREMIER MURDERED

Dato, Leader of Liberal Conservatives, Assassinated As He Leaves the Chamber at Madrid.

OPPOSED WORKING CLASSES AND REFORMS

Sympathized With the Allies But Did Not Like United States

LONDON, Mar. 8.—The Spanish premier Eduardo Dato, has been assassinated, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Madrid.

Senor Dato was killed by revolver shots as he left Congress.

MADRID, Mar. 8.—Premier Dato was assassinated this evening while returning from the chamber in a motor car. He was attacked by several persons who fired a number of shots.

Eduardo Dato was recognized as one of the most conservative of the conservatives in Spain. He became leader of the Liberal-Conservative party, the strongest political group in congress after the disappearance of Canovas. Never a friend of the working classes and opposed to all reforms, Dato acquired the height of his reputation for sternness in August, 1917, when he suppressed the workers' movement.

Was Member of House. On several occasions he was speaker of the house. Besides holding portfolios in various cabinets he was premier several times. Although apparently of gentle temperament, Dato possessed a will of iron and never discussed a subject with anyone once he had made up his mind.

He was born in La Coruna, August 12, 1858, and received his final examinations at the age of 19. When he entered politics he pushed rapidly to the front, becoming secretary of state for the interior in 1891 and minister of the same department in 1899.

In 1903 Dato became minister of justice and in 1907 he was nominated speaker of the house and also became mayor of Madrid. He was first chosen premier in 1913 and again in 1917. In 1918 he held the portfolio of secretary of state for foreign affairs. He was married in his early youth and was the father of three children.

Dato's sympathies throughout the war were on the side of the allies. For the United States he is said never to have had any love. He was a monarchist. The actual assassin of the premier was a man on a motorcycle, who fled. The chauffeur in the automobile in which Premier Dato was riding, also was killed.

Hamon Trial Will Start on Thursday

ARDMORE, Okla., March 8.—Legal lines began to form tonight for the battle to begin Thursday in the case of Clara Smith Hamon, charged with murder in connection with the death of Jake L. Hamon.

S. P. Freeling, state attorney general, who is in charge of the prosecution, arrived today and tonight conferred with H. H. Brown, special prosecutor.

Walter Scott of the Fort Worth firm of lawyers, retained before Clara Smith's surrender at El Paso, arrived today and said the other members of the firm, W. J. McLean, Jr., would come here tomorrow.

SHE TRIED TO FOOL CITIZENS OF SALEM



Mrs. Herbert Clark Hoover, who will take her place in the new cabinet circle as the wife of the Secretary of Commerce in the Harding cabinet.

When the Hoover's came through Salem last fall and registered at the Marion hotel, Mrs. Hoover disguised the name of her illustrious husband on the hotel register, so their presence in Salem, Mr. Hoover's boyhood home, would not be detected.

HIGHWAY BOARD HEARS MANY BIDS

Contracts to be Awarded Today; Prices Are Lower

PORTLAND, March 8.—It required more than two hours today before an overflow audience in the court house to read a deluge of bids submitted to the state highway commission for laying hard surface paving, grading of recently located highways and constructing bridges and railroad crossings in various parts of the state.

Awards of contracts will be made at the session commencing tomorrow at 10 a. m., as it will require much of the intervening time for the engineer's staff to complete tabulation of the proposals.

The afternoon meeting was given over to hearing what various county delegations had to offer in the way of choice of location of some highways and on suggestions to co-operate with the state in meeting cost of contemplated road work.

During the reading of bids the state highway engineer, Herbert Nunn, frequently observed that, compared with his estimates bidders' prices had "softened," even as much as 40 per cent where steel enters into construction.

The bidding was generally conservative, he said, although some of the proposals indicated that contractors had not yet sensed the decline in prices of materials and labor.

Another feature observed was that the Seattle, Tacoma & Spokane bridge and paving contractors sought to underbid Portland contractors. In some instances local paving contractors apparently were higher than outside bidders, whose plants are idle.

FLYER IS KILLED

AN ANTONIO, Tex., March 8.—While attempting to glide to a landing field from an altitude of 2000 feet, Walter C. Reams, a flying cadet at Kelly Field was killed here this afternoon.

FOREIGN RELATIONS DISCUSSED

Withdrawal of American Troops From Rhine Not Considered by War Department.

HARDING AND CABINET MEET FOR FIRST TIME

Pan-American Amity is Aim Of President In New Move

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Aspects of the nation's foreign relations and problems of administrative organization were considered by President Harding and his cabinet today at the first meeting.

Afterward announcement was made at the war department that in formulating its policy toward the Rhine situation this government is not now considering a withdrawal of the American troops.

It is understood that the cabinet took cognizance of the Panama-Costa Rica situation and canvassed latest official reports. The next step awaits receipt of a reply from Panama to the American note.

Attention was directed toward perfection of the cabinet organization. Mr. Harding is understood to have told his secretaries he wanted no hesitation and no jealousy about any changes of jurisdiction decided on in the reorganization scheme being formulated.

Meetings Once a Week. All ten of the department heads and Vice President Coolidge were present. The session lasted more than two hours and at its conclusion Attorney General Daugherty started for a short walk with the president. There was a brief conference between Mr. Harding and Secretary Hughes before the other cabinet members arrived.

After the meeting an announcement from the White House said that the cabinet would be called together again Friday and that thereafter meetings would be held at least once a week, probably Tuesdays.

The announcement concerning American troops on the Rhine was made by Secretary Weeks. The administration is understood to have taken into account all elements of the situation in western Germany where allied troops have advanced to enforce the treaty while the American forces remained behind.

More concrete expression of this government's attitude is expected soon. When the army appropriation bill was under consideration Republican leaders in congress proceeded on the expectation that the American troops would be out of Europe before July 1. The bill failed of final enactment and must be taken up again.

Also wrapped up in the Rhine situation is the question of a congressional resolution to declare peace with Germany.

CONFESSES TO PART IN KIDNAPPING

Ex-Service Man Says He Abducted Arthur Rust

TACOMA, March 8.—Hugh C. Van Amburg, 23, Tacoma youth, possessor of the croix de guerre and distinguished service cross, was arrested here tonight at the home of his parents as the confessed kidnaper of Arthur Rust, son of W. R. Rust, Tacoma financier.

"I was forced into it," Van Amburg told a newspaperman tonight, and intimated that several were connected with the kidnapping, although he refused to give their names.

"They lost their nerve," asserted Van Amburg. "But for that the business would have been carried through successfully.

Van Amburg confessed that he was under the influence of narcotics the day of the kidnapping. He was being held by the local police tonight on an open charge pending further investigation by the prosecuting attorney.

TRIP TO ROSEBURG PLANNED BY CHERRIANS AND PERHAPS ON TO THE CALIFORNIA LINE

Junket Proposal Taken Up at Meeting Last Night and Meets Tremendous Acclaim—Carl D. Gabrielson Elected Drill Master and Will Guide Boosters in Prize Contests

A junket to Roseburg at strawberry festival time is being talked up by the Salem Cherrians and was taken up at the meeting of the boosters last night. For some years the Cherrians have planned to make the Roseburg trip, but have not yet accomplished it, and this year the intention is stronger than ever.

Also the plan is even more ambitious than a trip to Roseburg only. If the Cherrians decide to visit the Douglas county metropolis, a majority of them are in favor of continuing the junket to the California line, visiting for a week or ten days on the road. Whether the proposed trip would be by special train or by automobile has not been decided, but it is very probable that the journey would be by automobiles. The Cherrians would go in uniform and doubtless wives, sisters, mothers and sweethearts would go with them.

Junket Customary Event. For years it has been the custom of the Cherrians to make an annual trip to some other city of the state. Usually there has been competition in drills and the Cherrians have been remarkably successful in carrying the first awards. About 60 members were present last night and most of them signified their intention to make the trip if it is decided to go.

Drilling will again be an important feature in Cherrians activity this spring and summer. At the meeting last night the council of nobles announced that Carl D. Gabrielson had been selected as drill master for the season, and the choice was ratified by the Cherrian body. Captain Gabrielson has had a lot of military experience, including a hitch in Siberia, and is competent plus.

King Bing Knowland announced a special committee of six Cherrians who will appear in uniform at the Commercial club rooms tonight to assist in receiving newcomers who are to be guests of the club.

GASOLINE TAX IS QUESTIONED

Statute May be Invalid Because of Emergency Clause Attached

A serious question has arisen relating to whether the law enacted by the recent legislature placing an additional tax on gasoline, or the original tax law applying to gasoline and distillates enacted in 1919 would be held valid if they were attacked in court.

The reason is the emergency clause which was attached to both bills. Section 1a of article IX of the state constitution expressly provides that the legislative assembly shall not declare an emergency in act regulating taxation or exemption. This is an amendment which was adopted by the people at the regular election November 5, 1912.

Week Awards Statesman Classified Ad Contest

Each week the Statesman will give three cash rewards for the best "stories" about Statesman Classified Ads. The awards will be announced each Tuesday morning: 1st reward, \$2.50; 2nd reward, \$1.50; 3rd reward, 1.00.

Contestants must see that their "stories" reach the Statesman office before Monday morning of each week in order to be considered. Last Week's Awards. A number of very interesting "stories" were received last week, and the judges have decided upon the following as the winners:

1st reward, \$2.50, Mrs. Nellie Oakes, Spee apartments. 2nd reward, \$1.50, Mattie Allen, 625 North Winter street. 3rd reward, \$1.00, Lillian Stine, box 97, R. F. D. 5.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Not Giving Classified Ad Time to Bring Results Cost \$125.

Some time ago I wished to sell a certain piece of property. I advertised in your paper, but as I had never advertised before, I was rather skeptical about the results, so, instead of giving the ad time, I signed for the property to be sold, and in the meantime here came some readers of the paper, and were ready to pay the price asked, but I had to keep to my contract, which I had just signed, and lost \$125. When, later I wished to sell some chickens I had more faith in advertising, and had more buyers than chickens.

I have become so accustomed (Continued on page 5.)

CHAMPIONS OF ALL POINTS TO GRAPPLE HERE

Twelve High School Hoop Teams Arrive in City Tomorrow For Annual University Tournament.

WILLAMETTE HOST TO VISITING YOUTHS

Mix to be Staged by Students After Final Contest Of Saturday

Twelve high school hoop teams, each champion in its district, will compete in the annual basketball tournament which will be held in the armory Thursday, Friday and Saturday, under the auspices of Willamette university. The event is an annual one at the university.

Having presented satisfactory team records to the tournament association, the teams that have been definitely selected by Coach Mathews are as follows:

Eugene, from southern Willamette valley; Ashland, from southern Oregon; Marshfield, from southern coast region; McMinnville, from northern coast region; Salem, Woodburn and Molalla, from northern Willamette valley; Bend, from central Oregon; and Franklin high school the champions of Portland.

Several Teams Promising. The representative of the southern Columbia river region will be decided in a contest staged last night between Seaside and Astoria. Following this game Coach Mathews will make the final selection. Heppner will be the representative from the upper Columbia region.

Among those teams which present the most promising records are Franklin high school of Portland, Baker city high school, Ashland high school and Salem high school. Franklin, the Rose City contender, backed by a clean city interscholastic record, will make a strong bid for the state honors. Baker city has dropped but one contest and that was to Pendleton, and since that time Pendleton has been removed from the state interscholastic association, leaving Baker with a strong record.

Salem, losing but one contest, has a deft group of hoop artists that is going to fight to hold the state championship in the Cherry city.

University Is Host. Ralph Coleman of O. A. C. will be the chief official of the tournament. It is announced by Coach Mathews. Mr. Coleman will be assisted by members of the Bearcat team. Every detail is being carefully worked out by Coach Mathews and his aides in preparation for the initial whistle that will start the tangles between the interscholastic district champions for state honors.

The visiting basketball cohorts will be the guests of the students of Willamette university during their stay in Salem. Entertainment will be provided by the local fraternities. After the final hoop contest on Saturday night a mix will be staged in honor of the visiting high school men.

German Ambassadors Summoned to Berlin

BERLIN, March 8.—It is semi-officially announced that the German ambassadors at London, Paris and Brussels have been summoned to Berlin.

Experts who co-operated in the preparation of the German counter proposals met today. According to the Berlin Zeitung, they will try to find a basis for fresh negotiations, if the allies indicate a desire for a resumption.

Jamaicans Oppose Sale of Island to U. S.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Mar. 8. A majority of Jamaicans do not favor the suggested sale of the island to the United States. As a counter move a resolution was introduced in the legislature today urging confederation of the group of the British West Indies with a uniform tariff.

REDMOND FARMER BURNED.

REDMOND, Or., March 8.—George Strixner, Redmond farmer, was severely burned about the hands and face and property valued at \$9000 was destroyed as the result of a fire started by the bad fire and explosion of a light touring car. Strixner was repairing the car in his barn, valued at \$3500, and in which was also housed a truck belonging to a brother, Edward, and valued at \$4500. The car upon which Strixner was working, the truck and barn were completely destroyed.

COOLIDGE'S AIDE IS FROM OLD BOSTON



Edward T. Clark, of Boston, Mass., whom Vice-President Coolidge has selected to be his private secretary.

NEW BACKSTOP DUE IN SALEM

Edwards and Others Come From League to Help Salem Senators

Edwards, the new catcher who has been signed by the Salem Senators for the 1921 baseball season, is expected to arrive in Salem this week, according to Manager Jack Hayes, and immediately will begin throwing out for the season. Edwards is known as backstop of more than usual cleverness and big work is expected of him in Salem. He comes from the Northwest league.

Hayes is rapidly getting his players together. The lineup will be largely the same as last season, but with the addition of several new men to take the places of those who have left the city for big time baseball or who have drifted into other occupations elsewhere.

"Lefty" Schroeder is a certainty for the Senator club, says Hayes. The husky left hander was with the Portland club last season and has always given a good account of himself. Another valuable addition to the pitching staff will be Farley of Stayton, who has agreed to come with the Senators.

Blanchard, first baseman, who was with Salem the latter part of last season, will be on steady this year. Blanchard was one of the best hitters seen on the local diamond, whether playing with or against Salem.

Another Northwest league player to be with the Senators is Morley, an outfielder. The Senators will have the same ball park as was used last year, and which is considered one of the best diamonds in the state, namely, the grounds at Twelfth and Oxford streets. Manager Hayes needs about \$2000 to put the grounds into shape and otherwise prepare for the season and already has about \$800 collected. Support from Salem citizens is expected to be even better than last year because of the high class of ball that was furnished last season.

Practice will begin April 1 and the season will open with Regina of the Canadian league April 16 and 17.

NORMAL SCHOOL GETS BUILDING

F. A. Erixon of Salem Successful Bidder on Mouth Structure

Proposals were opened Saturday in Portland for the erection of the addition to the girls' dormitory at the normal school at Monmouth, plans for which were prepared by John V. Benes, architect.

The contract was awarded T. A. Erixon of Salem, whose bid was \$43,987. There were 12 other bidders.

The building is to be four stories, 105 by 32 feet in dimensions, with brick walls and ordinary construction. The addition will provide dining room and additional living quarters for the students.

PROPOSAL TO RECALL BOARD MEETS FAVOR

Persons After Public Service Commissioners Organize And File Articles of Incorporation.

TILLAMOOK CREAMERY INTERESTS ACTIVE

President of Coast Fir Lumber Company Rabbidly Demands Removal

ELECTION DATE STANDS

Governor Olcott, under the law, has no authority to postpone the date of the special election, as suggested by those urging the recall of the public service commission, who would have the election deferred from June 7 to some date in July, as the recall and the special elections could be held simultaneously.

Should petitions for the recall election be signed by the necessary number of names and filed with the secretary of state, it would be the duty of Secretary of State Kester to issue the call for the recall election.

PORTLAND, Mar. 8.—Articles of incorporation for those fighting the recent telephone rate increase were signed at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The organized opposition will be known as the Public Service Recall Committee, Inc. Headquarters has been established in room 719 old Lumbermen's bank building, Fifth and Stark streets.

The signers of the incorporation applications are those who took part in the organization meeting held yesterday afternoon. At this meeting temporary officers were named to serve until the committee has been incorporated, at which time permanent officers are to be elected. The acting officers and others at the preliminary meeting are:

R. G. Duncan, chairman; W. E. Richardson, secretary; Mrs. J. C. Othus, treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Dean, John W. Miller, G. E. Erickson, W. W. Merriam, Sidney Smythe, E. G. Hopson, S. H. Singleton, W. H. Downing and H. G. Kander. Mrs. Othus, who is president of the Housewives' council, is in charge of the quarters that have been opened in the old Lumbermen's bank building.

A publicity committee, composed of W. W. Merriam, John W. Miller and Robert G. Duncan, was appointed.

To Circulate Petitions. Recall petitions will be printed as soon as possible. It was stated that these petitions will not have to be circulated in every county, but they must contain the names equal to 25 per cent of votes cast at the last election for members of the state supreme court.

The law requires that six months must elapse after a public official has taken office before a recall election can be held. As Fred G. Buchtel and H. H. Corey went into office January 1, although they had held office prior thereto, each now serving his second term, a recall election on them could not be held until July.

The last session of the legislature ordered a special election to be held June 7 this year. Members of the committee urging the recall of the public service commission will ask the governor to postpone the special election until July, at which time the recall election could also be held at a much less expense than if it is conducted singly.

Letters of protest against the public service commission granting the telephone company the right to increase its rates in Oregon \$200,000 a month continue to pour into the offices of the men taking an active part in the proposed recall.

Lumberman Protest. John W. Miller, president of Coast Fir Lumber company of this city, gave the following statement yesterday:

"The recall of the public service commission is in my opinion exactly the right thing. I am for it, and the quicker these men are taken out of office the better it will be all around, as it will show any one now holding a public office that the public must be taken into consideration when deals are put over on them like that just attempted.

"During the time of the shipyard era—cost plus systems and war times, the public were fair in standing for a service, but now when everything is on the decline and it is necessary to take lower prices and naturally pay lower wages, the public service commission has the (Continued on page 5.)

Women Who Earn Big Wages

No. 2

ROSE O'NEIL

Originator of the Famous Kewpie, Who Earns Over \$25,000 a Year.

(By International News Service)

The cute little Kewpie created by Rose O'Neil has made all America smile. Rose O'Neil, an author and a painter, has had forty factories turning out Kewpie dolls for her. Her income from this venture has been sufficient to give her a place among the country's captains of industry. She has modeled several other popular and unique doll figures and has also won high recognition as an author.