

WEATHER

OREGON.—Wednesday fair; heavy to killing from east; northerly; moderate northwesterly winds.

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HARDING NOT BEHIND MOVE TO END WAR

Administration Inclined To Be Against Precipitate Action — Not Committed To Program.

PRESIDENT ADVISES CARE IN SETTLEMENT

Statesmen Consider Passage of Measure Handicap it is Intimated

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Whatever may be the expectations of Republican senators who want an early declaration of peace with Germany, it was made known authoritatively today, President Harding has not thrown the influence of his administration behind the movement, but is inclined to look with disapproval on any prospect of precipitate action.

It was revealed that the president had not committed himself to a program, though he was said to be leaning more and more to a belief that the Versailles covenant cannot in any practical way be used now as a basis for his association of nations. He is canvassing the situation and although a part of his program may be decided soon, it probably will be many weeks before it is revealed entirely.

Must Act With Care.

In his consideration of the peace resolution, which some of the senate leaders want to press to an early passage, in the special session of congress convening on Monday, the president is understood to have held that in the settlement of so important a question the nation must proceed with care. It is said he has not withdrawn the approval he gave the resolution in the last congress, but is convinced that the situation does not require haste as much as deliberation.

There have been indications that the administration would consider itself in a better position to make advances for an association of nations if the peace declaration were delayed. Intimations have come that statesmen would consider passage of the measure a great handicap in the negotiations for a peace concert, weakening the position of the American government with its former associates in the war and making them less susceptible to American suggestions.

Resolution Might Be Lever. It has been hinted to the president by some advisers that, like the outstanding war debt, a pending resolution of peace might be used as a lever to bring the allied governments into accord with the proposals of this government.

At a dinner last night some senators are understood to have informed Mr. Viviani of France that his government need not hope a peace declaration would be long delayed. They plan to bring the measure quickly into the program of the special session and they express confidence that it will be adopted quickly.

There has been no indication that the president would make an open fight to delay action, but what he says in his message would be studied carefully for delicate shades of meaning and the impression he conveys is expected to have much weight with many Republican senators.

Population of France 5 7-10 percent Lower

PARIS, April 5.—France has lost approximately five and seven tenths percent of her population since the 1911 census, according to the early returns of the 1921 census. In a fourth of the population area, including Paris and 18 departments, three departments showed a total gain of 40,000, while 15 departments lost 617,000. Paris was found to be almost stationary.

Collection of First Half of Tax in Marion County is Finished at Bower's Office Tuesday Afternoon

A few minutes after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the last in the waiting line in the office of Tax Collector O. D. Bower, stepped up to the window, paid his 1920 tax, the door was locked, and the over-taxed workers drew a breath of relief. The rush of the first half of the 1920 tax collection was over.

For the past three days the line of waiting taxpayers has extended far down the hall, and slowly shuffled forward as opportunity afforded. Late last night was announced that up to date \$439,432.72 had been received. As

ALIEN ISSUE ACTED ON BY LEGION POST

Local Service Men Want Statute Prohibiting Orientals From Holding Land

The Salem American legion post, at a meeting last night, went on record against the holding of land in Oregon by aliens who can not be citizens of the country, and in favor of legislation similar to that passed in California, Washington and Idaho to prevent the acquiring of land by Japanese. The action was taken by a vote of the members.

It was voted that the legion in Marion county should not contribute money to any propaganda for passage of the bonus bill at the special June election but to see that Marion county votes in favor of the measure. A committee was appointed to formulate plans for a successful bonus campaign in this county.

The legion inaugurated a membership campaign and each member was given the names of several service men who are eligible to become members and each will solicit the memberships of these men.

The legion voted to take charge of the clean-up campaign in Salem next week and when this service was volunteered at the mass meeting at the Commercial club it was accepted.

HEALTH WORKERS CANVASS COUNTY

Members of State Health Department Want County Nurse Maintained

Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon tuberculosis association, and Miss Cecil L. Schreyer of the nursing board of the state board of health, both of Portland, arrived in Salem yesterday in the interest of the public health nurse and her work.

Miss Lillian Godsey, in the latter position, who came here last September under the direction of the association, has been financially maintained by that organization since officials to back the movement last December. It is the intention of Mrs. Dunbar and Miss Schreyer to make a thorough canvass of the county at this time and present the facts of the matter before the most influential citizens, emphasizing the value of keeping a public nurse in the county.

Among the things that Miss Godsey has accomplished during her few months' work is the institution of a modern health crusade in the country schools, encouraging health habits, visits to schools and inspection of pupils who, in many instances have been brought to a higher standard of health and therefore enabled better to assimilate book learning. She has also made personal calls into many homes where she has given instruction in sanitation and lessons in home nursing.

Many Lives Lost in Hurricane in Sonora

NOGALES, Ariz., April 5.—Many lives are said to have been lost, according to a dispatch from Santa Rosalia, 80 miles southwest of Guaymas, Sonora, as a result of a hurricane which is said to have been raging over the Gulf of California for the past two days.

Huts built near the water's edge were swept away by the waves. Many small fishing craft have failed to return to port.

Paper Company Makes Reduction on Newsprint

MINNEAPOLIS, April 5.—The board of directors of the Minneapolis-Ontario Paper company, today announced a further reduction of \$17 a ton on newsprint paper to publishers.

This concession, together with that of \$8 per ton made January 1, reduces the price from \$138 as fixed by contract until July 1, to \$113 per ton for the next three months.

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SOLUTION OF SOLDIER AID PROGRESSING

Consolidation of Administrative Machinery Agreed to At Meeting of Commission.

CENTRAL AUTHORITY TO BE GIVEN BUREAU

Endorsement of Plan Promises Quick Disposal of Problem

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Progress in solving the government's problem of caring for disabled service men, whether sick or disabled, or physically fit but having financial claims to be adjusted, was made today at the first meeting of President Harding's special commission, headed by Charles G. Dawes of Chicago.

It was agreed that the administrative machinery operating separately for soldiers' relief, should be consolidated under one central authority, probably a new executive officer, who would be responsible to the president. Heads of all soldier relief bureaus said they favored the general idea of a consolidated service bureau. The endorsement, Chairman Dawes said, promised quick solution of the problem as it related to the general administration of aid for men alleged to have suffered under the system of divided governmental responsibility.

Prominent Men Approve

Among those who expressed general endorsement of the plan were Surgeon General Cumming of the public health service; R. H. Hallett, acting director of the war risk bureau; and Uel Lamkin, director of the rehabilitation division of the federal board for vocational education.

Mr. Lamkin also favored placing the public health service completely in charge of the proposed new executive head, to the exclusion of all but soldier work. Brigadier General C. E. Sawyer, who appeared as the president's personal representative, declared emphatically that the public health service should be retained as an entity. He was supported by others of his profession, Charles Dawes, chairman, however, expressed the belief that this service could be placed under the one directing head without endangering public health.

It was stated authoritatively tonight that the commission would shortly begin its investigation and present its recommendations to President Harding by the week-end.

Testimony is Considered

The commission met tonight in executive session to consider testimony heard today. Dr. T. W. Salmon of the Rockefeller institute, told the committee one-half of the government's beds were unsuitable for tubercular cases. "We know there are 4,000 such patients," he said "and 2,000 soviet sufferers who are without treatment by the government because they refuse to go into charity and state institutions."

The question of hospital facilities resulted in a request from T. W. Miller, alien property custodian, that Chairman Dawes poll the commission to ascertain whether it favored asking congress to increase its last appropriation of \$18,600,000 and provide a permanent hospital building program. The question was unanimously endorsed. The request for the agreement for a consolidated service is incorporated in the final report submitted to President Harding.

Russian Gold Reserve Now 120,000,000 Rubles

BERLIN, April 5.—The Russian gold reserve which was 1,300,000,000 gold rubles at the opening of the war has been reduced to 120,000,000 gold rubles, or \$60,000,000, according to estimates of the financial experts of countries having representatives at Moscow.

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VIVIANI IS WHITE HOUSE DINNER GUEST

French Envoy Has Not Abandoned Hope for Treaty of Peace

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Rene Viviani, envoy extraordinary of France, was the guest of President and Mrs. Harding at a dinner in his honor at the White House tonight.

Ambassador and Madame Jusserand also were present, as were Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge, Speaker and Mrs. Gillett, Secretary and Mrs. Hughes, Senator Lodge, chairman of the foreign relations committee; Representative Porter, chairman of the house foreign affairs committee; Under Secretary of State and Mrs. Fletcher, and Myron T. Herrick of Ohio, who had been mentioned as the next ambassador to France.

In a statement to the Associated Press today, M. Viviani indicated he had not yet abandoned the treaty of peace as a basis of discussion with American officials in connection with his mission of presenting the cause of France and sounding American public opinion on foreign policies. He is understood to be vexed by attempts made to interpret the conclusions formed by him during his conference with government officials, representing in his statement that no one was authorized to speak for him but himself.

While he has made it plain that he has offered no suggestions on behalf of France which could be interpreted as an attempt to influence the foreign policy of the United States, it is known he has not yet been convinced in his conversations with American officials that the conclusion of a bare separate peace by the United States with Germany would best afford France the "moral support" which it is his mission to obtain.

In presenting the viewpoint of France regarding the unfavorable reaction which the declaration of a separate peace by the United States might have on the relations of France with Germany, the envoy is understood to have held that he was not exceeding his mission.

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, Evelyn White, box 412, Newport, Or. 2nd reward, Miss Esther T. Thompson, route 8, box 67, Salem, Or. 3rd reward, Miss Blanche Rowley, 1507 Chemeketa street, Salem.

Several very good stories were received and will be mentioned in future issues of The Statesman. The story winning second reward is published in full below; the others will be published in future issues of The Statesman. Watch for them.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

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"My dear," said Mr. Donaldson to his wife one evening as they were sitting by the fire, "I didn't want to worry you, but it is necessary, I think, to tell you what is worrying me so much."

"About a year ago I gave my signature to a note of \$250. This note will be due in four days, and I haven't more than \$10 or \$20 in the bank. Now, wiley, can you suggest a way I can get that money without stealing it?" with this last he chuckled but his face soon became sober again.

"Why, Dick, why don't you ever think for yourself? You always come to me as if you weren't capable of thinking. Now you just think awhile and see if you can remember something you might still," said his wife teasingly.

"Well! Well! I wonder I didn't think of it before. We could sell that lot of ours over in North Salem. That ought to bring at least \$500," said Mr. Donaldson brightening up a bit. "But," he added, "I don't find some one who wants a lot?"

"We can think about that tomorrow. I'm sleepy now." So they went to bed.

That same evening in a house which stood on a lot adjoining Mr. Donaldson's vacant one, was a man and his wife. Their subject was of the vacant lot joining theirs.

LONDON FEARS EXTENSION OF LABOR UNREST

Parliament Considers Possibility of Spread to Railways But Does Not Take Definite Steps.

WORKERS OPPOSED TO PROPERTY PROTECTION

Opinion is That Time is Good For Threshing Out Of Economic Problems

LONDON, April 5.—All coal mining in Great Britain stopped, the public is considering tonight whether the paralysis will extend to the railways and other transport and even among the workers generally.

Parliament discussed the situation today without taking any steps. The national transport workers' federation delegates conferred without reaching a decision as to whether to call a strike in support of the miners. The railway men, the transport workers and the miners will meet separately tomorrow. The miners took strong measures in several places today against owners protecting their property. A successful attack was made on the guard of a mine near Edinburgh, Scotland. A thousand miners marched to the pithead of the Ocean Collieries in Rhondda, Wales, and successfully demanded withdrawal of the officials working the pumps. Referees in several towns have refused applications of strikers for employment.

Transport Men to Help.

Four hundred delegates representing a half million workers, attended the meeting of the transport men's delegates. It is reported they will help the miners as an alternative to striking, one measure being a refusal to transport coal.

Reports of factories closing continue to be published. The attitude of the public and workers seemingly is that this is as good a time as any for threshing out the vital problem of reduced wages, which the employers contend is necessary if the country is to continue doing business, and which the workers insist should be accomplished by gradual stages if it cannot be avoided.

Government Gathers Troops.

The government is concentrating troops in Kensington Gardens in the fashionable west end district, supposedly in connection with the event of strike disturbances. The streets are equipped with arms, steel helmets and full war-time paraphernalia.

In rioting at the Hart Hill collieries, near Edinburgh, where 500 miners armed with pit props and stones, attacked and overwhelmed the police and volunteer pump workers, five policemen and several civilians were injured, while the plants were wrecked and adjacent haystacks set afire. In West Benhar, Scotland, similar scenes occurred. The police were overpowered.

In several other places striking miners forced volunteers to cease work.

NEW YORK, April 5.—The United States bids fair to win the English coal export trade if the strike in Great Britain lasts any length of time, said a statement issued here tonight by the Wholesale Coal Trade association.

Foreign buyers have been much displeased by the recurring troubles in the British coal mines and the subsequent interrupted shipments on contracts, read the statement. "Americans are very anxious to secure this business."

LONDON, April 5.—Premier Lloyd George replying in the house of commons today in the debate on the coal situation, declared what all wanted was to arrive at pacification of a very dangerous dispute, if it could be done in a way compatible with the interests of the nation. He contended, however, that subsidizing a great industry out of taxation was wrong in principle and indefensible, especially at the present in view of the heavy taxation and the condition of the exchequer.

He recalled that the loss before March 31 on government control of the mines was more than \$1,000,000 weekly. The premier could not express any opinion as to whether the wages were adequate or inadequate.

The government would be willing, he continued, to undertake anything it could do in promoting an understanding between the miners and the owners, but it was essential that the owner should give him every facility and assistance to prevent the pits from being destroyed.

REGENT MAY YIELD TO CHARLES



Admiral Horthy, the Hungarian regent, may, according to reports, yield to former Emperor Charles of Hungary, whom the people are trying to place at the head of the government. Three nations are trying to place at the head of the government. Three nations are trying to place at the head of the government. Three nations are trying to place at the head of the government.

MOTOR TRUCKS LEAVES FOR DESTROY ROADS SWITZERLAND

Owners Obstinate Refuse To Cooperate in Conserving Highways

RAFFETY MAKES REPORT SAYS HE WILL RETURN

Inspectors for State Department Operate in All Parts of State

The overloading of commercial motor trucks is the most difficult problem encountered by the inspectors of the motor vehicle division of the state department, according to the quarterly report of T. A. Raffety, chief of inspectors, and it is made more difficult because of the obstinacy of truck owners in refusing to cut down their loads to a weight that will conserve roads, notwithstanding regulatory measures that are attempted by the inspectors.

The matter of overloading commercial trucks is a problem calling for careful consideration and more or less drastic action," says the report. "Serious opposition is met on every hand where an attempt is made to enforce regulatory measures, but unless the state and every municipality takes this matter firmly in hand and regulates it without favor, and by concerted action, the millions of dollars going into highway construction today as well be thrown to the winds."

Highway Hazards Cited. The report calls attention to the serious danger to life and limb caused by the inclination of motorists to drive beyond a safety speed limit on the paved highways.

One of the chief inspector's recommendations is that the state department send out bulletins frequently to the enforcement officers of the state, and that whenever under-enforcement is detected in any community that an inspector be dispatched at once to investigate. This method, it is believed, would give the inspectors better opportunity to work on the main arteries of travel. In this connection it is recommended that the four additional inspectors authorized by the recent legislature be equipped with motorcycles when they are employed by the department.

License Plates "Split"

Relative to unfair offenses, the inspector says one of the most malicious forms is that of "splitting" license plates, using one plate on an automobile and the other on another automobile or truck. This offense is dealt with severely by the officers.

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LEGIONERS TO TAKE COMMAND OF OFFENSIVE

Salem Post Volunteers and Offer Accepted at Clean-Up Meeting Called By Mayor Halvorsen.

DEPLORABLE STATE FOUND BY EXECUTIVE

No One Exempt in Brush-Up Drive and Fines Punish All Delinquents

The Salem clean-up drive will be more than merely admonishing the citizens of Salem to clean up their premises. It will mean arrest and fines if the instructions are not complied with. There will be no discrimination. The humble and the exalted will be treated alike. Back yards in the residential districts and rear premises in the business district alike must be made spick and span. This was decreed at a meeting of the fire and water and the police committees of the city council at noon yesterday with Mayor Halvorsen. Members of the fire and water committee are Joe Baumgartner, Dr. F. L. Utter and A. F. Marcus. The members of the police committee are Ralph Thompson, A. F. Marcus and J. B. Glesy.

The local post of the American legion will have charge of the campaign. This service was volunteered at a meeting of the legion last night.

Although Salem's clean-up and paint-up campaign will not actually get under way until next Monday, April 11, the preliminary fireworks will be staged on the preceding Sunday. On the latter day the ministers of Salem, who are ever alert to improving the civic as well as the moral conditions of the vicinity, will announce to their congregations the necessity of joining hands in the movement to make the Capital City a spotless municipality.

This was decided at a mass meeting held in the Commercial club rooms last night at the call of Mayor Halvorsen. In calling the meeting to order Mayor Halvorsen expressed the hope that the present Salem was in dire need of physical cleaning, and that the time for the spring bath had arrived.

Investigation Made. "I have passed some time investigating conditions," said the mayor, "and I was surprised, if not humiliated, to find that many of our alleys and out-of-the-way places are filled with filth. Salem is a growing community, and for many years past year and that the results were very satisfactory. I am convinced that we should have a clean-up campaign, and it is my opinion that we should enter upon the work with a firm hand and not rest our efforts until the job is thorough and complete."

C. E. Knowland, King Ding of the Cherrians, said the organization which he represented was thoroughly in sympathy with the proposed clean-up campaign, and would do everything possible to aid in the movement.

Club Volunteers Efforts. T. E. McCroskey, manager of the Commercial club, informed the mayor that he played an active part in the clean-up campaign staged in Salem last year and that the results were very satisfactory. He reviewed briefly how the campaign was conducted, and concluded by stating that the civic department of the Commercial club would be ready at any time to assist in the work.

Henry Meyers declared the movement commendable, but that the campaign should not stop after a whirlwind of activity lasting for six brief days.

"When we get cleaned up we should stay cleaned up," said Mr. Meyers. "Salem is known as one of the most beautiful cities on the Pacific coast, and every resident of the municipality should feel a deep interest in the clean-up and paint-up campaign. What we need is direct action—not mere talk and agitation."

Legioners Will Lead. Dr. B. F. Pound, commander of the local post of the American legion, reported that the members of the organization had gone on record in favor of the clean-up movement, and that the boys would willingly take charge of the work in case the citizens desired.

Harold Cook, in charge of the Salem Boy Scouts, also talked along a similar vein, and declared that the members of the organizations he represented would be found willing to lend their assistance to the movement. Mrs. F. L. Purvine, of the first woman in the state to hold the mayoralty office, (Continued on page 2.)