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Fair; heavy frost in the morning; moderate westerly winds.

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## ENGLAND WILL TALK PUMPING WITH WORKERS

Lloyd George Brings Renewed Prospects in Industrial Crisis by Last Minute Intervention.

## BELIEVED MINERS WILL ACCEPT COURSE

Informal Conferences Held in Attempt to Win Miners Over

LONDON, April 7.—Another day of tense alternations of hope and fear ended with one of the premier's eleventh hour interventions, bringing renewed prospects that the grave industrial crisis will be averted. He announced in the house of commons tonight willingness of the government to participate in a conference to discuss pumping before other matters were considered.

Informal conferences continued this evening, moderates like Mr. Asquith, Lord Robert Cecil, Arthur Henderson and John Robert Clynes seeking to induce the miners to relent only pumping, and it was supposed that the whole question was turning on this slender hope.

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Fred A. Williams, chairman of the commission, in a statement, issued last night expresses the opinion that the petition for a rehearing coming from city officials of Portland embodies elements that justify a reconsideration. Dispatches from Washington, D. C., yesterday stated that Fred G. Buchtel of the Oregon commission, who is now in the east, has gathered first hand data from the offices of the American Telephone & Telegraph company which will be used in a rehearing in Oregon.

Chairman Williams has received an advanced copy of the Portland petition for rehearing which will not be filed officially for a week or more. The petition is based on the recent increase in telephone rates allowed by the commission which has caused a protest to go up all over the state and caused the formation of an organization having as its purpose the recall of the commission.

## MR. HANDLEY FINDS NEAT MONEY ROLL

Corporation Official Has \$280 Surplus Fund; Confers With Attorney General

T. B. Handley, state corporation commissioner, has in his department the sum of \$280 that he doesn't know what to do with. The money represents partial filing fees that have been sent in by corporations over a period of the last 10 years and that have not completed their filings. The articles of incorporation were held up in most cases pending redemption of the remainder of the fees, and when so notified the companies have not been heard from again.

## PROTECTION ASKED BY RAILWAY MEN

Ejection of Brotherhood Officials Leads to Action

JOPLIN, Mo., April 7.—An appeal has been made for federal protection growing out of the ejection from Harrison, Ark., yesterday of five railway union brotherhood officials who went there in connection with a strike on the Missouri and North Arkansas railroad. It was announced tonight by M. C. Carey, Port Huron, Mich., representing the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors.

## MANY CITIZENS BEAT THE GUN

Backyard Fires, Rakes and Shovels Show Clean-up Is Started

Many residents of Salem are beating the gun in the clean-up drive. Although the campaign does not begin officially until next Monday, scores of backyard bonfires are seen in the residence districts daily, while knee-high grass is being mowed and all manner of rubbish raked together for the scavenger wagons. It looks as if the residence districts will have a running start when the brush-up campaign starts Monday.

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## FARMERS VOTE COOPERATIVE POOLING PLAN

Report of Committee on Combination Grain Marketing Organization Has Been Accepted.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Representatives of the farmers in convention today voted unanimously to accept the report of the committee of 17 which provided for formation of a co-operative agency to market the nation's grain.

## DOUGLAS IS DAMAGED BY COLD SPELL

Hood River Peaches Killed, Clark County Hard Hit, Marion and Polk Safe

PORTLAND, Or., April 7.—Fruit and peach trees were damaged by frost in Douglas county last night and peaches were killed Monday night, according to reports received here from the orchard districts.

## LABOR UNIONS PRESENT PLAN

Outline For Ending Industrial Disputes Submitted to President

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## INSURANCE MEASURE IS BADLY GARBLED

No Money Appropriated by Bounty Bill; Legislative Grammar Poor

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## NATIONAL ROBBER GANG SUSPECTED

Theft of Mail Pouches Leads to Conclusions By Investigators

CHICAGO, April 7.—Special investigators here from Washington in connection with the theft yesterday at the Dearborn station of mail pouches containing cash and securities believed to total more than \$500,000 tonight were proceeding on the theory that the robbery had been carried off by a national gang of mail thieves who had obtained information of money shipments from postal employees.

## SUN YAT SEN NEW PRESIDENT OF CHINA

HONOLULU, April 7.—The Chinese parliament sitting at Canton has unanimously elected Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first provisional president of China at the time a republican form of government was substituted for the empire.

## REGISTERED MAIL BAGS ARE TAKEN

U. S. Truck Held Up at Cincinnati Railroad Station

CINCINNATI, O., April 7.—Four men in an automobile tonight held up a United States postoffice mail truck near the west end station of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad here. Several pouches of registered mail were taken.

## MANY ERRORS ARE FOUND IN SESSION LAWS

Some Acts of Recent Legislature May Be Void and Emergency Board Must Meet to Correct Others.

The errors doubtless were of the head and not of the heart. The intentions of the lawmakers were all right, but through a combination of carelessness on the part of persons who introduced some of the bills, and of the enrolling and printing committees, the printed laws show that phrases intended to be in some of the laws were left out of the enrolled bills; that entire paragraphs stricken out by amendments are included in the measures as passed; and that some appropriation bills failed to appropriate, while few of the laws are without grammatical errors.

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## INAUGURATION OF HARDING WHEN 100,000 HEAR SPEECH WITNESSED BY SALEM WOMAN

Spectator at Seven Presidential Inductions Remarks at Democratic Spirit of Recent Event, and Says at Last One May Speak His Mind at Seat of American Government

By ELLA ROYAL WILLIAMS  
March 4 was a typical Oregon day. The sun rose early and fairly beamed its approval on the ceremonies of the inauguration of Warren G. Harding as president of the United States. There is a sort of superstition that the state of weather on an inauguration day portends the conditions that will hold sway over the affairs of the incoming president for the term of his office. If the sun shines, it is an omen for good; if the weather is inclement it is a forecast for unpropitious conditions for the rule of the president.

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