WEATHER.
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OUTCOME OF NOTES FEARED BY DIPLOMATS

Officials Fear Text of Communication May Lead to Reopening of Whole Subject of Mandates.

EXCHANGES BETWEEN ALLIES ARE EXPECTED

Japan's Attitude Expected To Influence Other Three Nations

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Secretary Hughes' notes to the Japanese, British, French and Italian governments on mandates are being interpreted abroad, according to information here, as stating an advanced position of the American government.

Some diplomats who have studied the text of the communication to Great Britain, as made public by the state department, are apprehensive that it may be considered as reopening the whole subjects of mandates.

Full exchanges between the four governments are expected before any one of them replies to Mr. Hughes. In the opinion of some diplomats here, Japan's attitude will determine the position to be taken by Great Britain and France and possibly Italy. This is based upon the agreement entered into by Great Britain and France with Japan in 1916, before the United States entered the war, whereby Japan was to receive the German islands in the Pacific north of the equator.

Allies Recognize Agreement.

This agreement, it is explained, was made when the activities of the German submarines demanded a reinforcement of the entente naval forces and the opinion is advanced that since Japan fulfilled her part of the contract, Great Britain and France feel bound to carry out the agreement if Japan insists. If Japan is willing to modify its position with regard to these islands and particularly the island of Yap, however, the view is that the European allied governments will gladly accept that solution.

In a way, the present situation is regarded as somewhat similar to that obtaining when Italy insisted upon invoking the treaty of London in justification of her claims in the Adriatic section. Both Great Britain and France sought to induce Italy to abate her claims in the matter of Fiume but let it be known that if Italy insisted they would execute the provisions of the treaty of London, obnoxious as they were, to the United States.

The Adriatic settlement was finally brought about through direct negotiations between Italy and Jugo-Slavia, and it was thus found unnecessary to invoke the provisions of the secret treaty made by the European allies before the United States became a belligerent.

Records May be Shown.

The entente contention is understood to be that the nature and extent of the agreement with Japan was discussed in Paris in connection with the peace treaty.

The present situation may raise the question of what the records of the council of four at Paris really show. President Wilson

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UNRUH HAS MANY CASES ON DOCKET

B. E. Otjen, Who Tried to Commit Suicide, Is Scheduled for Hearing Today

Several cases are docketed for trial within the next few days in the justice court before Judge G. E. Unruh.

Today the case of B. E. Otgen, charged with threatening the life of another, will be given a hearing.

Monday at 10 o'clock a hearing will be given Andrew Mace, who was arrested Thursday on a charge of passing worthless checks. He is being held in the city jail awaiting trial.

Saun Louie, proprietor of the Cherry City restaurant, was arrested yesterday morning charged with selling milk with less than 3.2 per cent butterfat. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and demanded a jury trial, which was granted and set for Thursday, April 14. Louie declared that the milk is served at the restaurant in the same condition in which it is received from the dairy and at no time to his knowledge has milk been sold at his place of business that did not meet the full requirements of the law.

Charged with assault and battery, Dan Donahue was brought before Judge Unruh yesterday. He pleaded not guilty and will be given a jury trial next Friday. The offense was alleged to have been committed near Turner against Frank Fencl.

PORTLAND TRADES WILL ARBITRATE

Question of Wages Will Be Submitted To Board

PORTLAND, Or., April 8.—An arbitration board, appointed to consider the question of wages for the building trades in Portland recommended that beginning May 1, there be put into effect a reduction of 10 per cent in wages. The announcement was made tonight by the board, composed of Otto R. Hartwig, Dr. W. T. McElveen and C. J. Parker.

It was pointed out that the recommended redution seems sure of becoming effective, inasmuch as the building contractors have openly said they would abide by the decision of the board, and the union leaders believed their men would accept the finding. It will be necessary, however, for the various unions affected to vote on the question.

The old scale for carpenters, the chief group affected by the proposed reduction, has averaged $9 a day.

Army Cannon is Received By Upton Post at Dayton

DAYTON, Ore., April 8. — The G. A. R., Upton post No. 75, of Dayton, has received from the commandant, Fort Warden, Washington, a seven-inch Howitzer donated to the city of Dayton by the United States war department for park ornamental purposes.

The gun was temporarily placed in the park. At a later date it is the intention of the city officials to build a concrete base on which to mount the gun permanently.

The total weight of the field piece is 9010 pounds. The women of the civic clubs and the town council are making an effort to beautify the park and surroundings.

PRELIMINARY ORGANIZATION IS EFFECTED

Wheat Growers Lay Foundation For National Cooperative Grain Marketing Company.

V. H. SMITH, WASCO, OREGON, IS DIRECTOR

Opponents Are Won Over When Optional Pooling Is Decided Upon

CHICAGO, April 8.—Preliminary organization of the country's wheat growers into a national cooperative grain marketing company, was completed tonight.

Directors of the company, to be known as the United States Grain Growers, Inc., were elected today, legal steps preliminary to incorporation under the laws of Delaware were completed and organizations which had found fault with certain features of the plan apparently had been brought into line.

As soon as incorporation papers are issued, a national membership drive will be started to enlist every grain grower. It will then be ready to carry out the plans which its sponsors declare will curb grain speculation, obtain larger profits for the farmer, lower the cost of marketing grain and tend to eliminate price fluctuations.

Optional Pooling Wins

Possibility that the members of the Northwest Wheat Growers Associated, would not come into the organization because their plan for compulsory grain pooling was defeated in favor of optional pooling, was lessened when George G. Jewett of Spokane, general manager of the Northwest company, was elected a director of the new organization. Other associations which favored compulsory pooling asked time in which to make their plans, but indications were they would join the new company.

Composition of the new corporation's board chosen today is in part, as follows:

District No. 1—Washington, Oregon, Utah and California; George C. Jewett, Spogane, general manager Northwest Wheat Growers, Associated, and Victor H. Smith, Wasco, Oregon, secretary-treasurer, Oregon Grain Growers' association.

District No. 2—Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin; St. Paul, president of the Equity Cooperative Exchange at St. Paul; Usher L. Burdick, Williston, N. D., president of the North Dakota Farm Bureau federation and vice president of the Percheron society of America; and W. F. Schilling, Northfield, Minn., president of the Twin City Milk Producers' association.

District No. 3—South Dakota, Nebraska and Colorado; C. H. Gustafson, Lincoln, Neb., president of the National Cooperative company at Omaha; John T. Reik, henry, S. D., president of the South Dakota Farmers Grain Dealers' association and J. D. Pancake, Loveland, Colo., of the Colorado State Farm Bureau federation.

Other districts are:

No. 4—Iowa; No. 5—Kansas; No. 6—Missouri; Missouri; No. 7—Oklahoma; No. 8—Texas; No. 9—Illinois.

CHOICE FOR RAIL BOARD IS NARROW

Harding Limits Number Considered For Three Appointments

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Out of a score or more of names under consideration for the three places on the railroad labor board, will become vacant April 15, President Harding is understood to have virtually narrowed his choice to a half dozen men distributed among the three groups represented on the board.

W. L. Park of Chicago, one of those whose terms expire, is generally expected to be given a reappointment. Mr. Park represents the railway managers group and is said to have been given general endorsement for another term. Strong pressure has been brought to bear for the re-appointment also of A. J. Forrester, representing the labor group, although a number of others, including J. G. Luhrsen of Chicago are understood to be still in the running for the labor appointment.

Wildest speculation has surrounded appointment of a board to represent the general public in succession to Henry T. Hunt of Cincinnati, the third member of the board whose term expires April 15.

FOREST FIRE PROTECTION WEEK IS SET

May 22 Designated by President for National Observance

WASHINGTON, April 8. — The week of May 22 was designated in a proclamation by President Harding today as "forest protection week," during which governors of the various states were asked to arrange educational and instructive exercises to place before the people the need of preventing unnecessary waste by forest fires.

The president's proclamation follows:

"Whereas, the destruction by forest fires in the United States involves an annual loss of approximately $20,000,000 and the devastation of approximately 12,500,000 acres of timberland and other natural resources and,

"Whereas, when the present deplorably large areas of nonproductive land is being greatly increased by 33,000 or more forest fires which occur each year and,

"Whereas, the menace of a future timber shortage threatens to become a present economic fact seriously affecting our social and industrial welfare and,

"Whereas, a large percentage of the forest fires causing the annual waste of natural resources may be prevented by increasing care and vigilance on the part of citizens;

"Therefore, I, Warren G. Harding, president of the United States do urge upon the governors of the various states to designate and set apart the week of May 22-28, 1921, as forest protection week and to request all citizens of their states to plan for that week such educational and instructive exercises as shall bring before the people the serious and unhappy effects of the present unnecessary waste by forest fires, and the need of their individual and collective efforts in conserving the natural resources of America."

COREY IS ALSO FOR REHEARING

Another Member of Service Commission Would Reconsider Phone Rate

H. H. Corey, member of the public service commission representing the Eastern Oregon district, is also in favor of a rehearing of the telephone rate case. Mr. Corey so expressed himself yesterday in commenting relative to the statement issued by Chairman Fred A. Williams of the commission in favor of a rehearing. It is believed Commissioner Fred G. Buchtel will take a similar stand on his return from Washington, D. C., where he is investigating relative to returns of the American Telephone & Telegraph company.

STATE TAXES ARE RECEIVED

Total of $260,000 From Multnomah and Douglas Added to Coffers

Through state tax remittances received recently from Multnomah and Douglas counties the general fund of the state treasury, which has been depleted, has been replenished to the extent of about $260,000. An installment of $100,000 arrived yesterday from Multnomah county.

The first half of the state taxes from the several counties of the state is not due until May 1, but State Treasurer Hoff has urged the county treasurers to remit as soon as possible. The Multnomah county treasurer sent in $150,000 some time ago.

Multnomah's total, first half, will aggregate over $1,000,000, and the first half for the entire state will aggregate approximately $3,500,000. This all will be in by the middle of May and the state treasury will once more be in a comfortable situation.

Handley Cancels License Of Portland Corporation

T. B. Handley, state corporation commissioner, yesterday cancelled the Oregon license of the Guarantee Security corporation, a Portland concern. The reason for the cancellation was that stock of the United Cigar stores, Ltd., a Canadian concern, is not listed on the stock exchange or subject to sale in this state until the company has qualified in Oregon. The company was issued a permit to operate in Oregon in February, and when the April report was submitted the corporation commissioner discovered that the United Cigar store stock could not legally be sold in Oregon.

HOUSE WILL GET TARIFF BILL MONDAY

Republicans Adopt Sub-Committee Report to Accompany Introduction of Fordney Measure.

CONSIDERATION WILL BE ASKED WEDNESDAY

Business Depends on Restoration of Purchasing Power to Farmer

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Republican members of the house ways and means committee tonight adopted the sub-committee report to accompany the reintroduction in congress Monday of the emergency tariff bill, vetoed in the last session by President Wilson.

The report was written by Representative Young of North Dakota, chairman of the committee's sub-committee on agriculture, who announced that the house would be asked to take the bill up for consideration Wednesday.

In recommending re-passage of the tariff bill, the report declares that revival of all business is largely dependent upon restoration to the farmers of their lost purchasing power, adding that conditions have not changed with respect to the inability of the agricultural interests to dispose of their products at reasonable prices.

Complete Collapse Warned

"The paralysis" of agriculture has not forced a reduction in prices of commodities which the farmers must buy, the report says, and warns against a "complete collapse" if other lines of trade unless the food production of the nation is encouraged.

"The consuming public and the commercial public have an absolute and definite interest with the farmer in helping to make cost of production and a fair profit," the report continues. "The primary interest of the consuming public is that the farmer keep on producing food. The farmer will do that only if he makes a profit on his production. If he must sell his commodities below cost of production for a term of years, he must either go out of business or lower his standard of living to the extent that he becomes a public menace. In either event the consumer will suffer from reduced supplies."

Dumping Is Feared.

Danger of permitting a continued dumping of foreign products into American markets also concerns the committee, the report says, predicting that if this continues there will be a more rapid depletion of the ranks of the farmers than has been the case even in the face of adverse marketing of home products.

The report says that the revival of agriculture, with its consequent advantageous reaction on other lines would aid in providing employment for hundreds of thousands of men now idle, and denies that the proposed course would have the effect of advancing retail prices. Foreign food products, it says, have been, and are being brought in at a lower basis of cost, yet are being sold at prices equal to the prices for which the home products could be sold. Middlemen and others in the trade are taking the extra profit, it says.

Democratic members of the committee, under the leadership of Representative Kitchin, North Carolina, are drafting a statement of views opposing passage of the measure and this minority statement will be completed tomorrow or Monday.

GOLF PLAYERS COME SUNDAY

First Match of Season Will Be Meeting of Salem and Astoria Teams

The first golf match of the season will be played on the links of the Illahee Country club Sunday when a team of eight fast players will be here from Astoria to meet a picked team from the Salem club. It will be a return match, Salem having met Astoria at Gearhart last July in a match that was won by Astoria. A luncheon for club members will be served at the club house.

The Astoria players will arrive in Salem today.

BIG END OF 25 TO 5 SCORE CAPTURED BY GIRL PLAYERS OF STATE ACCIDENT BOARD

State Department Feminist Squad Defeated by Smashing Count, But, Undaunted, Hurl Back Challenge for Another Session—Clever Stick and Field Work Entertains Crowd

By the close score of 25 to 5, the girls' baseball team of the state industrial accident commission walloped the girls of the secretary of state's office on the Willamette university athletic field yesterday afternoon after working hours. A big crowd of state officials and employes and downtown fans was attracted to the grandstand and sidelines, the adherents of the state department attired especially for the occasion, singing war songs and making the occasion look like regular college stuff.

The state department claim the victory of their opponents was purely an industrial accident and already have flung back the challenge for another session.

Industrial Work Good

Proctor and Caruthers, the accident commission battery, were the mainstays for the team, though the best individual record was made by "Pep" Pepoon at first base, who got four hits, four runs and made not an error. Wolfe made a good record at third and developed a wonderful wing.

The most sensational play of the game was made by Stevenson, a substitute in left field for the state pedartment, in the third inning when she made a running catch of a high fly from the bat of Caruthers. Oehler for the state played a spanking good game at first.

The game ran four innings and started with the third-floor girls at the bat.

Proctor Scores First

Wolte, first to face Mrs. Matthews, the state pitcher, flied to Oehler. Proctor took first on an error by Matthews anad pilfered the second pillow. Caruthers was safe on an error by Roeder and Pepoon on an error by Welborn which allowed Proctor to make the first score. "Midget" Varley went out to Oehler and Caruthers scored on the play. Chambers got a bingle and Pepoon crossed the plate. Chambers was nimble on the bases, stole two of them and scored on a passed ball. Walker walked. Wilson was safe on an error by the pitcher and Walker scored. Hunt was out at first.

Matthews' Hit Counts.

The state department took the sticks and Cole was out Proctor to

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HARDING IS ASKED TO CALL MEETING

Owners of Railroad Securities and Labor Unions Make Appeal

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The national association of owners of railroad securities joined today with five railroad labor unions in proposing that President Harding call a conference of representatives of both owners and employes to discuss the railroad problem, particularly as it affects wages and working conditions, now in dispute before the railroad labor board.

S. Davies Warfield, president of the association, and Darwin P. Kingsley, president of the general transportation situation and suggested the conference as one of the means for adjusting the difficulties the roads face.

The request from the unions was in the form of a telegram from B. M. Jewell, head of the railway employes department of the American Federation of Labor.

Coincident with the conference at the White House and the receipt of the telegram, Chairman Cummins of the senate interstate commerce committee, announced he had drafted a resolution for introduction next week, authorizing a general and exhaustive investigation of railroad affairs. He plans to begin the inquiry about April 15. Means of bringing about a reduction in rates, operating costs and the question of efficiency under private ownership will be the principal angles to be gone into. Rail managers will be heard first and labor representatives will follow.

Commercial Development Predicted for China

SEATTLE, April 8. — When China reaches the stage of development achieved by Japan in the past 50 years, the production and commerce of that country will be greater than anything the world has ever seen in trade and the great volume of its commerce will flow to the United States through the ports of the Pacific, W. Cameron Forbes, former governor general of the Philippines, declared today in an address before the Seattle chamber of commerce.

Fusion Between Russia And Finland More Acute

STOCKHOLM, April 8. — The tension which has been noticeable recently between Russia and Finland is becoming more acut. Bolshviki have invaded the Repola and Porajearvi districts to which the Russo-Finnish peace treaty had guaranteed autonomy. The inhabitants of the districts are fleeing into the interior of Finland.

Boundary Issues Placed Before Board Yesterday

Yesterday was the regular semi-monthly meeting of the school boundary board, which met in the county court room. The day was a busy one for the board, several boundary cases being under consideration, all of which attracted delegations from the various school districts.

Each proposition met some objection and as yet definite boundary lines for the proposed districts have not been decided upon. Districts having petitions before the board are Stayton, West Stayton and Aumsville, Scotts Mills and Abiqua and the Quinaby school district.

CLARKSTON BANK DOORS ARE CLOSED

Failure to Realize on Farm Paper is Responsible For Crash

CLARKSTON, Wash., April 8.—The doors of the First National bank of Clarkston, Wash., were closed today by National Bank Examiner Sawyer, upon order from the comptroller of the currency. The deposits reach over $600,000. The last statement of February 1, 1921, showed total resources of $918,931. The bank was organized seven years ago with capital of $50,000 and surplus as shown by last statement was $20,000. C. F. Waterman is president and W. A. Waterman, cashier.

The bank examiner and officers of the bank are engaged on the books and may issue statements later. Failure to ralize on farm paper is accredited as responsible for the bank's failure.

LEWISTON, Idaho, April 8.—The State Bank of Kamiah at Kamiah, Lewis county; State Bank of Kooskia, Idaho county; State Bank of Peck, ez Perce county and Fidelity States bank at Orofino, Clearwater county, were closed this afternoon, following announcement of the closing of the First Naational Bank of Clarkston, Asotin county, Wash., the state banks being corespondent institutions of the Clarkston institution. Estimate is made hat the gross deposits of the four state banks will reach $400,000. Depreciated reserves due to failure to realize on farm paper is cited as the reason for the state banks failing.

REPORT OF MUTINY NOT CONFIRMED

Captain of Steamer Willhilo Fails to Respond to Questioning

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Radio advices from the captain of the steamer Willhilo, requested today by the owners of the line in an effort to ascertain the facts regarding a reported mutiny aboard the vessel, had not been received early tonight.

The liner, which is owned by the Williams Steamship company, was believed to be somewhere between La Union, Salvador, where the mutiny is said to have broken out, and San Pedro, Calif., where she is expected Sunday. The cruiser Tacoma was said to be escorting her, but naval radio officials here said they had no word as to the cruiser's whereabouts.

The Willhilo is on her way from New York to San Francisco on the maiden voyage of a new freight run between those ports.

Portland Packers Held On Inhumane Charge

PORTLAND, Or., April 8.—Thomas Hewitt, Portland packer, together with his brother, George Howitt, and J. W. Hamilton, caretaker, were arrested today on charges of responsibility for the starvation of 42 head of cattle, according to Ross M. Churchill, state humane officer, who charged failure to provide necessary food and a second accusation of failure to remove the bodies within the required period of 48 hours.

TWO MILLION MINERS AWAIT STRIKE ORDER

Greatest Labor Struggle in Country's History May Start in England at Midnight Tuesday.

ACTION IS PROTEST AT WAGE REDUCTIONS

Lloyd George Says Move Is Attempt to Intimidate Parliament

LONDON, April 8.—Tuesday at midnight, unless there is some new developments in the mentime, will see the start of the greatest labor struggle in the country's history.

Approximately 2,000,000 workers then will have ceased their duties in protest against what they consider to be an organized attempt on the part of the employers to enforce a general reduction in wages.

This is the central fact of the labor situation as it developed today in a breakdown in the miners' conference and a consequent decision by the triple alliance—made up of miners and railroad and transport workers—for the first time since it was organized that its entire membership roughly estimated at 1,000,000 miners and 500,0000 each from the railway and transport workers' organizations, should quit work in support of the miners' strike.

The government's standpoint, as voiced by the premier, Lloyd George, in a brief speech in the house of commons this afternoon, is that the action of the miners and the other members of the triple alliance is an attempt by direct action to intimidate parliament and the nation. The premier announced the military and other measures which the government intended to take to defeat this attempt.

Traffic Men Join Miners.

The standpoint of the miners is that the sudden removal of control of the coal mines is the result of a pact between the government and the mine owners to enable the owners to enforce an unjustifiable reduction in wages. The attitude of the railway men is that unless there is support of the miners at the present time a similar dilemma will happen to the railway men on some future occasion when the railways are released from government control.

The refusal of the miners to yield on the question of permitting pumpmen to return to the mines had as its motive a conviction that the withdrawal of the pumpmen is the only weapon in their hands. They argue that a few weeks' cessation of work will not really injure the mine owners who, considering the depressed condition of industry, have ample stocks of coal on the surface. They declare that the mine owners have brought this fate upon themselves by including the pumpmen among those whose contracts will be cancelled unless they accept new wage terms made, not through joint discussion, but by the mine owners themselves.

Extremists Support Miners.

The arguments of the miners find absolutely no support except on the part of the extreme Socialist newspapers. All the other newspapers condemn them quite strongly, and general regret is expressed that the miners refused to listen to the advice of men like Herbert H. Asquith, John R. Clynes and Arthur Henderson.

In this connection Mr. Clynes, who is chairman of the parliamentary labor party, made an interesting statement on the adjournment of the house of commons this afternoon.

While expressing regret over the decision of the miners, he said he equally regretted that Premier Lloyd George thought it proper to make imputations against the motives of the leaders of the miners. He said that the actual damage done to the mines up to the present had been so small that it did not justify this fact being made the cause for interfering with negotiations which might lead to a settlement of the dispute. He concluded by declaring that the cost to the country through the strike likely would be far greater than would have been the case if the government had continued to control the mines a little while longer until the wage question was settled.

The momentous proclamation by the premier of a state of industrial war was made in the house of commons in quiet but serious tones. Mr. Lloyd George read it from a prepared document. A similar proclamation was made in the house of lords by Earl Curzon.

A deputation of the railway-

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M'CROSKEY AND KNOWLAND ON TRIP OVER PROPOSED BLOSSOM DAY ROUTE

A trip through the fruit districts surrounding Salem and over the proposed route for Blossom day to decide on the exact itinerary for next Sunday's event was made yesterday by Manager T. E. McCroskey of the Commercial club and Charles Knowland, King Bing of the Cherrians. Mr. Knowland reported that although the early cherries and prunes were in bloom the majority of the larger orchards of the late varieties of fruit north and west of town show signs of blooming next week just in time to be at their best for Blossom day.

The condition of the roads traversed yesterday is excellent, according to Mr. Knowland, the Rosedale-Jefferson road, which could not be used last Blossom day, being in fine shape this year. This road opens up a wonderful section of fruit land and will afford the display of some of the best orchards which otherwise could not be included in the route. The exact route will be announced today.

Manager McCroskey is making an attempt to get a motion picture company in Portland to cooperate by taking pictures of some of the orchards, the crowds, and other things of interest on that day.

Last year the crowd attending Blossom day was estimated at 5000 and fully that number, probably more, is planned for this year. The Portland papers are behind the move and are boosting the event widely.

Announcement was made yesterday that Dibble & Franklin, tulip and gladioli growers, will present to each tourist calling at their farm a tulip bloom. The tulip farm will be on the route and all of the tourists are invited to stop and go over the farm which is at its height of beauty at this time of the year.

All members of the Cherrians have received a call from the king to be at the Commercial club on that morning at 9:45 o'clock to be assigned to various duties. Those who have automobiles will convey the tourists who arrive by train over the route while others will be stationed along the road and on the streets of Salem to direct those who come by automobile from other parts of the state.

In the afternoon the Cherrian band will give a concert in Willson square for the pleasure of the tourists.