

HARDING PLAN NOT ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED

Breakers Ahead of Executives Proposal to Create New Federal Department of Public Welfare.

OPINIONS DIFFER AT MEETING OF CABINET

Labor Officials Want To Peep Jurisdiction Over Women and Children

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Plans for creation of a new federal department of public welfare, though still in a formative stage, have already aroused enough opposition to indicate that President Harding will have much work to do before whipping the project into final shape.

The matter was up today, both at the cabinet meeting and at a conference between Samuel Compers and other officials of the American Federation of Labor and Secretary Davis and Brigadier General Sawyer, Mr. Harding's personal representative in welfare department preliminary studies.

Educational Agencies in Way The labor men voiced objections to transfer of the children's and women's bureau of the department of labor to the proposed new department, and the cabinet meeting was said to have developed a difference of opinion as to what should be done with federal educational agencies.

It was indicated that no conclusion was reached by Mr. Harding and his advisers, and that the president planned to confer with administration officials and members of congress before rounding out welfare department plans he first presented during his campaign and later formally recommended to congress.

Consolidation Opposed Some administration officials represented an opposing effort to consolidate existing educational agencies, like the bureau of education in the interior department with the projected welfare department.

On the contrary, it was said, they believe that a department of education should be created separately, leaving public health and related subjects to the welfare department.

Labor Wants Jurisdiction Organized labor's objections, as voiced by Matthew Wolf, vice president of the labor federation, led to the removal of the women's and children's bureau from the labor department rested on the contention that with them would go supervision over women and children in industry, matters in which labor is held to have a vital interest.

SCHOOL PATRONS LAUD OFFICIALS

Teachers Join Unanimous Approval Given City and County Officers

At the regular meeting of the mothers' club, representing the parents and teachers of the Lincoln elementary and McKinley junior high schools, unanimous expressions of appreciation were voiced in approval of the efforts being made by the officials of the county and city to enforce the cigarette and liquor laws.

A pledge of loyal support to all legitimate efforts along these lines was made by the mothers.

THE WEATHER

Fair and warmer; moderate westerly winds.

Drive to Collect Old Licenses Is Begun by Aldermen of Salem

The Postal Telegraph company must pay to the city of Salem \$800 in back license fees, and on the same account the Western Union has paid recently a lump sum of \$425. The Postal company, which established its offices in Salem in 1905 never has paid a license and the Western Union company has not paid for eight years.

As part of a campaign to collect back taxes from a number of establishments in Salem, City Attorney Ray L. Smith has been instructed to notify the concerns that the taxes are due. Some concerns that owe license fees to the city are doubtless out of business.

It is said the city would be better off by several thousand dollars if a closer check on license had been kept in the last decade.

CHIEF MOFFITT DEPLORES SQUABBLE BEGUN HERE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE IS DEFENDED BY OFFICIAL POLICE HEAD SAYS SOME MISTAKES UNAVOIDABLE

Verden M. Moffitt, Salem chief of police, in a statement presented to the Statesman for publication, deprecates the squabble that has been raised as a result of operations carried on in this vicinity by agents of the law in an effort to enforce the prohibition statute. The chief refers, obviously, to the squabble initiated by the evening paper over operations of the Anti-Saloon league.

The chief rises to the defense of the league. He states frankly his belief that some mistakes have been made, but declares they were made in a just cause.

"Anybody," says Chief Moffitt, "whether it be an individual or an organization, if it accomplishes much these days, is going to make an occasional mistake, and the Anti-Saloon league is no exception to this rule."

Chief Moffitt pledges the cooperation of his department with any sincere movement for enforcement of the law. His statement follows: "I have been reading the pa-

pers very closely since the Anti-Saloon league agents came to Salem last week in an effort to better conditions in Salem and Marion county, relative to the liquor traffic. And I have been led to wonder why and to feel very much surprised to see a squabble started in Marion county over an effort to better conditions.

"It is true there have been some mistakes made, but why all this squabble over some mistakes that were made in a just cause and work.

"Some people seem to think this trouble is a wet and dry fight. It is not at all. It is a matter of principle. The law provides a penalty for the violation of the law and at the same time provides a way that the law shall be enforced. And if it is this principle that this trouble is over, then I can't understand why it is that it is carried on in this manner.

"Surely it is more credit to any man or organization to make a mistake in an effort to do right or in a just cause

than to sit still and do nothing. I would rather be condemned for trying to do something worth while even if I did make a few mistakes than to sit still and do nothing in this world.

"Anybody whether it be an individual or an organization, if it accomplishes much these days, is going to make an occasional mistake and the Anti-Saloon league is no exception to this rule.

"There are bound to be incompetent persons creep into any organization, but I don't believe the organization should be condemned for that reason, and this department as long as I am at its head, stands ready now, as it always has, to cooperate to its fullest extent with any person or organization whose purpose is sincere and just in the enforcement of the laws of this our capital city, the state of Oregon and the best country in the world, the United States of America."

"VERDEN M. MOFFITT, Chief of Police."

ANOTHER YARN FROM CALIFORNIA

You Just Simply Gotta Hand It to That Bunch Down In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 26.—A tooth of a wild horse, measuring four inches long, one and a half inches thick and having eight rings, indicating the animal's age, is the latest discovery of excavators in the lime pits at Torrance, near here.

Other interesting finds are tusks from the saber-toothed tiger, shark's teeth, side bones of whales and bones of animals of gigantic proportions. An ancient weapon of stone, unearthed with the horse tooth, weighs 10 pounds. Its sides are hollow, presumably for the purpose of fastening to it a spliced sapling for a handle.

Inquiries from all over the United States testify to the general interest in the relics discovered at Torrance, according to Dr. C. L. Edwards, scientist, who has the articles on exhibition in Los Angeles.

"The deposits which we are uncovering are estimated to be at least 1,000,000 years old and all tend to show that at some time animals larger than those found on any other part of the globe lived in this district," said Dr. Edwards. "Representatives of the Smithsonian Institution and other scientific institutions of the country have visited the pits and examined the evidence of a former age, stating them to be of great value in amassing scientific information."

Eugene Lad Terribly Injured by Explosion

EUGENE, Or., April 26.—With one eye entirely gone and his head terribly lacerated as a result of an explosion of giant powder on his father's farm west of this city last night, Ralph Johnson, 14-year-old son of Fred Johnson, is in a critical condition at a local hospital.

The boy had been helping his father blast stumps. One charge of powder failed to explode and as the boy reached over to pick it up the explosion occurred.

NURSE PLAYS PART OF GOOD SAMARITAN

Four Motherless Children Sick With Measles Cared for Recently

This was the brief substance of a note received recently by the Marion public health nurse from a certain community in the county. Could the nurse help? She went immediately to the home and found, indeed, that her assistance was welcome.

An epidemic of measles had stricken four motherless children at about the same time. The father, a working man, found it increasingly difficult to give his children the care their condition demanded, and had appealed to the nurse.

A clean house, fresh linens, children bathed and made comfortable, and a grateful father followed in rapid succession after the nurse's visit. Care was given to the family until the children recovered, during which time better and lighter foods were recommended for the youngsters, who are now with their father, the heartiest boosters for a nurse the county has.

The work of a nurse is full of such incidents and were they all to be told, the value of her services to the county would never be doubted.

Hero of War Repatriated As Citizen of America

PORTLAND, April 26.—Edward Phelan, a Spanish war veteran and a wounded overseas veteran of the Canadian service, was repatriated today as a citizen of this country by Federal Judge C. E. Wolverton.

Phelan attempted to enlist in the United States service after war was declared but was refused because of his age. He then volunteered with the Canadian army and by this act lost his citizenship in this country and when discharged from the British army, automatically became a citizen of that country.

By Judge Wolverton's act, he was again established as a citizen here. Phelan declared he was having difficulty finding work so long as he could not establish his United States citizenship.

Big Money Brought in By Registered Guerneys

PORTLAND, April 26.—Fifty registered Guerneys cattle were offered for sale today at the Pacific International Livestock exposition auditorium by F. S. Peet of New Jersey.

In the first hour five of the herd were sold for a total of \$2855.

The sale was held under the direction of the Oregon Guerneys Breeders' association and attracted about 100 breeders of registered Guerneys, including a party of about 40 from Seattle and vicinity.

FISH WARDENS PATROL RIVER

Shoemaker Leads Boat Pose to Nab Obstreperous Net Fishermen

PORTLAND, April 26.—Top deputy fish wardens under command of State Ward-n Carl D. Shoemaker were tonight patrolling the waters of the Willamette river between Oswego and Oregon City in launches to prevent poaching.

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MANY ARE DEAD BY STORM THAT HITS IN SOUTH

JACKSON, Miss., April 26.—More than a dozen persons are reported to have been killed and a score injured in a tornado this afternoon at Braxton, 18 miles from here.

Every business house in the place was destroyed and many of the residences either totally or partially wrecked. The loss is estimated at more than \$100,000. Among the dead are: Dr. J. H. Chandler, T. M. Everett, president of the Bank of Braxton, and M. T. Kelley and Mr. Killball, farmers.

Five persons took refuge in the bank vault and escaped while the president, who failed to reach shelter, was killed.

The dead were taken to Dlo and the injured to Weathersby, nearby towns.

The wind lasted only a few minutes and was followed by a heavy rain which has swollen the streams in the vicinity out of the banks.

Braxton is a town of about 500 inhabitants.

The town is cut off from all communication.

POINTS IN GERMAN NOTE

BERLIN, April 26.—(By the Associated Press)—The German people now know the new proposals which the German government submits to the allied powers through the medium of the United States. The terms of the proposals were made public today, as well as the accompanying assurances forwarded to President Harding.

Germany, declaring that the peace of the world are dependent upon a speedy and just solution through the medium of the United States. The terms of the proposals were made public today, as well as the accompanying assurances forwarded to President Harding.

Reconstruction Proposed As previously outlined, Germany proposes to pay the allies an indemnity extending over a number of years which will am-

PAULUS HEAD OF GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Chief of Sales Department Elected Manager of Co-operative Association and Packing Corporation.

OTTO HANSEN MEMBER OF DIRECTORS BOARD

Fruit Men Cautioned to Care For Orchards Because of Losses in East

R. C. Paulus, manager of the sales department of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association, and for 12 years prominent in co-operative fruit circles of the northwest, was yesterday elected general manager of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association and also of the Oregon Growers' Packing corporation. Otto Hansen, one of the large fruit growers of this district, was elected a member of the board of directors.

This action was taken yesterday at the annual meeting of the board of directors.

Officials and directors of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association were given a unanimous vote of confidence by members of the association at the meeting yesterday.

By its vote in open session, the members gave its approval to the association by R. C. Paulus, sales manager; C. I. Lewis, manager of the organization department; W. I. Staley, secretary and treasurer and M. O. Evans, in charge of the field department, as well as that of the directors and executive committee.

In his annual report, R. C. Paulus told of the difficulties of making sales and financing the association when there was a general depreciation in the price of all food products and when general financial conditions were more unsatisfactory than any time since the 1907 panic.

And while the association had just passed through a very difficult year, Mr. Paulus expressed an optimistic view of the coming season, especially since there has been such great damage to the early crops in the east, which would naturally result in a larger general demand for western products.

28,838 Acres Controlled. C. I. Lewis, manager of the organization department announced that the association now controlled 28,838 acres of fruit, owned by 1640 members of the association.

Regarding work for the coming year, Mr. Lewis said that efforts would be made to secure 80 per cent of the prune acreage in western Oregon in order that the experience of the past season in having independent growers cut the losses when the association could not be possible.

As there would be a good demand for Oregon fruits on account of general losses in the east, Mr. Lewis cautioned growers to take good care of their orchards.

John Frazier, assistant sales manager in charge of fresh fruits, in his reports said that broccoli had been placed by the association in 38 markets and fresh fruit in 80 markets.

The average prices for fruit and berries the past season, Mr. Frazier reported, were as follows: Gooseberries 7.5 cents a pound; raspberries 20 cents a pound; strawberries 16.5 cents a pound; currants 10 cents; evergreen blackberries 7 cents; cherries 12.7 cents; blueberries 12.7 cents; green prunes 14 cents a pound.

In reporting the traffic department, C. L. Smith in charge, reported that during the past month there had been collected from railroads for damages and overcharges the sum of \$1,800 and that through his department

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MISERY EVERYWHERE IN CHINA



MISS WELTHY HONSINGER.

Miss Welthy Honsinger, formerly of Rome, N. Y., who shortly before her return to the United States, after 10 years in China as head of the Baldwin School for Girls at Nanchang, went through a portion of the famine region. "No mere words can describe it," she said, "I have seen it in its days

of prosperity, when every foot of ground was ripening to a full harvest. And now I have seen it when every foot of ground is barren, making a scene of appalling desolation. The awfulness of the catastrophe is deepened because many of the people still hope against hope, thus simply increasing their sufferings."

DECISIONS OF ALLIES WAITED

United States Desires Entente to Pass on German Proposals

DIPLOMATS ARE CALLED

Reparation Conference Followed by Immediate Cables to Europe

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(By the A. P.)—Events here today indicated clearly that the United States in replying to Germany's counter proposals on reparations would be guided almost, if not wholly, by the decisions of the allied governments as to whether the new propositions put forward by Berlin were of such a nature as to form the basis for further negotiations.

Secretary Hughes conferred late today with each of the allied diplomatic representatives discussing with them briefly the German communication, which was received early in the day from American Commission Drexel at Berlin. The foreign envoys immediately reported to their governments by cable and it was understood that the framing of a reply to Germany would await the outcome of these exchanges.

Further Notes Probable. As the allied governments were expected to be in possession of the text of the German proposals which was made public today at Berlin, it was not thought that a reply would be long delayed. It was suggested, however, that exchanges between Paris and London might be necessary before a final decision was reached.

If Secretary Hughes received from the foreign diplomats a indication of the views of their governments with regard to the counter propositions the fact was not disclosed, nor was there any indication as to how American government officials viewed them. There was some evidence, however, that the statement contained in press dispatches from Paris that the German offer was believed to be unacceptable to France, caused little, if any, surprise.

Cabinet Talk Secret. Discussion of the German memorandum is understood to have occupied much of a two-hour session today of President Harding's cabinet. What happened in the cabinet room, however, remained a carefully guarded secret.

After returning to the state department, Secretary Hughes sent invitations to the allied diplomats to visit him for a discussion of the German proposals. These invitations went out to the representatives not only of Great Britain

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DEBATES HALT PROGRESS ON NAVY MEASURE

After All-Day Fight Over Disarmament Question House Forced to Adjourn Without Vote.

DEMOCRAT DEMANDS PARLEY OF NATIONS

New Member Introduces Resolution For Inquiry Into Cost of Vessels

WASHINGTON, April 26.—After an all-day fight over disarmament, the house was forced to quit work tonight without reaching a vote on the naval appropriation bill, because of the demand of members for time in which to air their views.

At the end of the long debate there was pending an amendment providing that no part of the appropriation should go into new construction until the president had called an international conference to consider limitation of armament. The amendment, proposed by Representative Connolly, Democrat, Texas, was precisely like one offered when the bill was before the house in the closing days of the last session by Representative Brooks, Republican, Illinois, and rejected by a vote of about five to one.

Leaders said it would be thrown out by a similar vote when the bill is taken up again Thursday. Attack Opens Discussion. The disarmament discussion broke early in the session after Representative Knight, Republican, Ohio, had attacked the bill. The Ohio member announced he would vote against the bill because of the contemplated expenditure of \$90,000,000 for new battleships, the general need of economy and the alleged questionable advantages of capital fighting ships in modern naval warfare. The speech started a veritable whirlwind of talk.

Seeing where the house was heading, Chairman Kelley of the sub-committee of appropriations, in charge of the measure, tried to stop it, with a plea that the real disarmament debate be held back until the section relating to new construction had been arrived at. The chairman's plea prevailed after a sharp clash in which Representative Huddleston, Democrat, Alabama, supported Mr. Knight and declared general opposition to big army, coast defense and navy appropriations.

Amendments Ruled Out. Two amendments, calculated to bring the disarmament question squarely before the house, were ruled out on points of order and then Mr. Connolly again stepped to the front with a revival of the Brooks proposal. It stood up and held its own against a point of order, as happened last session, and Mr. Kelley was pressing for a vote and final passage of the bill when he was persuaded to permit the debate to continue without drastic restriction as to

BUDGET ACT IS SENT THROUGH

Measure Originally Vetoed By President Wilson Is Passed by Senate

NEW BUREAU CREATED

Head of Department Would Serve Seven Year Term at \$10,000 Salary

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Brief debate preceded the final vote on the budget bill, which was passed today by the senate without a roll call.

It was introduced originally by Senator McCormick, Republican, Illinois, passed by both the senate and house during the 66th congress, vetoed by President Wilson

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SCORES IN COAST BASEBALL

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