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STRIKE PROCLAMATION ISSUED

HARDING ASKS THAT ECONOMY BE PRACTICED

Use of Pruning Knives Upon Estimates for Coming Year Urged by Chief Executive.

NEED BE NO ALARM OVER APPARENT DEFICIT

Estimated Loss of Last Year Disproved by Surplus of \$313,000,000

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Administration officers of the executive establishments of the government who were assembled today for their third semi-annual business meeting were called upon by President Harding for the "utmost economy" of expenditures during the current fiscal year and the use of their "pruning knives" upon the estimates for the succeeding 12 months.

The president further urged economy by federal officials as an example for the states and municipalities whose mounting debts he described as a "menace" unequalled in America today.

Referring to the operators of the budget bureau during the fiscal year just ended, during which withdrawals from the treasury were reduced by \$759,000,000 from the earlier estimated total of \$4,554,000,000, as "a record of real achievement," he declared that prospective net deficit of \$425,000,000 for the present current year is a challenge to us all.

Receipts for the current year, he stated, were estimated at \$3,974,000,000, while expenditures were placed at \$3,771,000,000, an apparent excess of expenditures amounting to \$203,000,000, but offset to the amount of \$272,000,000 by the general balance in the treasury on June 30.

Experience of the past year, the president continued, has demonstrated that there need be no undue concern over prospective deficits, recalling that while a deficit of \$24,000,000 was forecast last year, a surplus of \$313,000,000 was realized.

"This," he said, "is certainly a gratifying accomplishment," but he added that expenses must be kept within income this year, and called upon the government's executives for still closer scrutiny of their activities and expenditures.

"If in your jurisdiction," the president said, "you find activities and expenditures that can properly be curtailed or eliminated, I admonish you to do it; if laws do not leave it within your power to do this, submit it to the president for recommendation of congressional action. The business of the government does not and cannot contemplate or expect expenditures this year will exceed income. If they do, it will be regarded as unfortunate; and therefore I bespeak your fullest cooperation."

MADE OREGON DRY; WANTS IT DAMP AGAIN

Fern Hobbs Who Closed Copperfield now Strong for Lots of Moisture in State

"What is the difference between wet and dry?" In Oregon there are several months difference if you mean the condition of the atmosphere and the rainfall. Then if you mean Volsteadism—that's different again.

The rather unusual position of a person who did something real to make a certain part of the state dry and who is now working to make a part of Oregon wet is a fact and not a fancy. A conscientious objector once having seen how dry Volstead is? Well not quite.

Fern Hobbs closed up the saloons in Copperfield for Governor West and now instead of trying to open them she is working with all her energy—and most folks say she has considerable—→ to bring to the dry land farmer of eastern Oregon much needed moisture—for his crops in the form of ordinary water—H2O, nothing more and nothing less.

Miss Hobbs has just recently returned from Germany, where as secretary of the Y.W.C.A. she served with the army of occupation. She is again private secretary to Oswald West, who as governor of Oregon sent Miss Hobbs, his private secretary, on the famous trip to the now extinct town of Copperfield to close the saloons which were running in defiance of the state law. That she closed them is a mere incident.

Elks Offer Plan for National Athletic Fields

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 11.—A plan providing that each lodge of Elks in the country engage in athletic activities and acquire the necessary property for an athletic field, was received enthusiastically today by the thousands of delegates to the annual meeting of the lodge. Leading officers said the proposal which was referred to the new good order committee will be adopted.

New Water Wheel to Be Installed Here

Some work has been done in getting foundations for the new water wheel for the power station of the Salem water company between High and Liberty streets. The new Hefel wheel is on the ground ready for installation, but the preliminary work has not yet been completed. The new wheel will deliver about one-half more power than the old one, which did not utilize all of the water because of lack of size.

PIONEER DROPS DEAD ON STREET

Frank H. Girard, Long Time Salem Resident, Succumbs to Heart Failure

Frank H. Girard, for more than 36 years a resident of Salem, dropped dead yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in front of the library. Heart failure was the cause of his death. He was 67 years of age and lived at 212 South Twenty-first street.

REVENUE HEAD TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION

President Said to Be Considering Official Resignation of Elmer Dover, Assistant Secretary.

MELLON REFUSES TO ISSUE STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, July 11.—President Harding was understood tonight to have under consideration the resignation of Elmer Dover, of Tacoma, and formerly of Ohio, as assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of customs and internal revenue.

Information of the resignation of Mr. Dover was received at the capitol today from treasury sources, but something of a mystery surrounded the severance of the assistant secretary's connection with the treasury, as official confirmation or denial of the report was wholly lacking.

At the treasury it was said that Secretary Mellon had no statement to make and that the matter was one for Mr. Dover and the president. At the White House it was made known that President Harding had no comment to make at this time.

FIRE LOSS NEAR MILLION MARK

Prineville Reports Largest Loss for June, With Sheridan Next

Sixty-four fires, 37 of which were from undetermined sources, occurred in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, during the month of June, and the aggregate loss therefrom was \$888,290, according to a report made public here today by the state fire marshal.

The heaviest loss came at Prineville, where the business district was damaged to the extent of \$300,000. Sheridan and Kings Valley each sustained losses of \$100,000—at Sheridan the fire occurring in the business district and in Kings Valley at a lumber mill.

Lineman Electrocuted Working on Trolley

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 11.—W. N. Thompson, 37, a lineman for the Pacific Power and Light company, met instant death by electrocution at State Line station about eight miles from here today while working on the trolley line of the Walla Walla valley railway company. Thompson was working on a pole when in some way he received the high voltage current. Death is thought to have been instantaneous. Thompson was single and has relatives living in California.

POLICE HAVE MANY WEARY PROBLEMS

Anything from Finding Stray Youngster to Ending a Family Feud in Day's Work

Some one has estimated that a really good policeman had to have at least a fractional knowledge of about 23,000 laws and statutes and ordinances. If he really does, he ought to be able to tell something of most any question that they'd ask.

There is a list of the items brought to the Salem police station yesterday:

A boy left home with about \$300 of his dad's money. Where is he, and where's the money?

Two separate men drove their autos through a funeral procession. Is it unlawful, or should they be ostracised, or even licked by the funeral attendants?

A man on a bicycle was run over by a California auto tourist, and his machine ruined, but it didn't hurt him a bit. Should he fight, or laugh, or sue?

A boy reported the stealing of his bicycle, from in front of the Oregon Theatre. He lives at 595 North 17th.

A little girl toddled away from home, and they were hunting all over town for her—but they found her themselves after turning in the alarm.

A traveling man, Norman Jackson, has lost a pocket record book that might be worth a thousand dollars to him; it was found in the street, by S. A. Bidwell, and brought to the police station. Surely they must know Mr. Norman Jackson? The book is waiting for him.

FOREST FIRE DAMAGE GREAT

60,000,000 Feet of Green Timber Lost on Vancouver Island During Month

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 11.—More than 60,000,000 feet of green timber valued at approximately \$200,000 has been destroyed by forest fires during the past month. Between thirty and forty thousand acres have been swept by fire. At Grassy Bay, 150 miles north Vancouver, fire had destroyed 5,000,000 feet of standing fir and cedar.

It is the worst season from the viewpoint of fire loss that the coast district has experienced for many years.

None of the dangerous forest fires are out yet but most of them are reported under control.

Mrs. Obenchain III; Murder Trial Halted

LOS ANGELES, July 11.—The trial of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain for the murder of J. Belmont Kennedy was suddenly halted late today when it became apparent that the defendant was too ill to remain in the court room. Judge John W. Shenk ordered an adjournment until tomorrow morning.

FOSTER GIVEN FINE AND JAIL

Sentence of Four Months Is Suspended When Man Promises to Leave County

Chester Foster, arrested Saturday night by police on a charge of possessing intoxicating liquor, was yesterday arraigned before G. E. Urruh, justice of the peace, and fined \$100 and sentenced to serve four months in the county jail. The jail sentence was suspended by the court upon condition that Foster leave the county immediately and remain away for a period of 16 months. Should he return during that period he will be compelled to serve the full sentence.

SCHOOL BOARD NAMES 3 NEW INSTRUCTORS

Normal School Graduates to Be Engaged at Starting Salary of \$110 Per Month For Coming Year.

MISS SOPHIA TOWNSEND FRENCH TEACHER, QUILTS

According to the report of Superintendent Hug, made public last night, the Salem schools had 1263 pupils last year in the four high school grades, this including the last year of the junior high. The average daily attendance was 1012.3 pupils.

Of these pupils, 350 came in from districts outside of Salem; most of them from Marion county, a good many from Polk, and some from each of a dozen others.

The cost per pupil was \$93.13, a decrease of \$2.95 per pupil since the previous year, when the cost was \$96.08. Salem will collect this cost from the general school fund, that is to give free high school privileges to every child in the state, wherever he may live.

1922 Tuitions High

The estimate in the tentative budget discussed at the school board meeting last night, is that the tuition receipts for 1922-23 will be close to \$3,000 higher than they were last year. While some small reduction in per capita cost is expected, it can hardly be more than the reduction last year; it will not be enough to seriously affect the revenues from teaching—though last year the saving of \$2.95 per pupil meant more than \$1,000 in all.

Inspection to Be Made

The board is to start Thursday on a tour of examination of all the schools, to see what repairs are needed. The board has considered an appropriation of \$10,000 for general repair work.

It is false economy to not spend this money, if we have it," said Director Winslow. "The properties have been skimped and neglected, and they need thorough going over."

Waterproofing some of the brick-walled buildings that have been water-soaked by winter rains, notably the Garfield school, and then tinting the inside walls that have been discolored, will be one line of improvement suggested.

County Court Lauded

The board found more money in its pocket last year, than it had expected, through the apportionment of the county funds.

"We've got to take our hats off to the county court," said Chairman Winslow. "They have certainly done their level best to keep the schools up to the highest notch." It was shown that some of the state funds have been delinquent, through the non-payment of loans from the irremediable school fund by the borrowers in eastern Oregon where times have been hard. This shortage, however, will be made up, and it is already coming in on this year's crop prospects.

Three Teachers Named

Three new teachers were recommended by Supt. George Hug, to fill vacancies still existing. They are the Misses Dorothy Taylor, Florence Lake, and Mildred Severson, all of whom have been attending the state normal college at Monmouth. They will start in at \$110 a month apiece.

Miss Irene Curtis, a teacher in the McKinley Junior high school, was recommended for promotion to the senior high school, at a salary of \$130 a month.

The resignation of Miss Sophia Townsend, who taught French in the high school last year, was presented to the board. She is going to accept a place in a Quaker school in Portland. She is a holder of an A. M. degree, and is rated as one of the most capable.

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HARDING DIRECTS THAT ALL PERSONS REFRAIN FROM ANY INTERFERENCE WITH TRAINS

THIRTY-FOUR CAR LOADS OF CHERRIES IN

Thirty-four cars of cherries have been loaded out of Salem this year by the Lyons California Grace Fruit company, according to the figures given The Statesman yesterday by Arthur C. Raas, one of the company of which his brother, Joseph C. Raas, is president.

"We have been buying fruit here for 22 years," said Mr. Raas, "but always through agents, until this year. We handle immense quantities of cherries; we have already bought 600 tons in California, and 900 tons in Italy because we had to have them. When it was reported that Oregon had only about a 20 per cent crop we were told that it wouldn't be worth while to come here for the 5 or 10 tons that was all we'd be likely to get. But we came, and we have shipped 34 car loads."

"While we have especially desired the Royal Annes and Waterhouses, we have been taking all that our regular patrons bring; even where we have to resell them at a loss because they don't fit in with our demands. We have paid out some really remarkable sums for cherries this year. One check was for a little more than \$12,000, for a pool of cherries organized by an ambitious friend. Another check was for \$6,000; another for \$4,000—and so on. Cherries have run into bonanza prices this year."

"In all the years I have been buying here, I have never seen the cherries so fine, nor so profitable to the grower. The crop isn't exceptionally heavy, but it is of superior quality. Every sign points to a bumper crop for next year, following the more or less general cycles of production."

The Raas company, which has been in business in California since 1852, has been carrying on some experiments with the use of black cherries, which Mr. Raas says have proven that the blacks ought to be used almost as well as the whites, for their exacting trade. Another year, he hopes to carry this theory into the market. All the cherries for the grace fruit can be picked earlier than the trees can be "stripped" of every cherry at the first and only picking, and the picking costs are reduced as an offset against the slightly reduced yield in picking before fully mature and ripe.

SLOAT REWARD MONEY READY

All Claimants Sign Agreement to Abide by Decision of Distribution Board

The distribution committee, handling the reward money offered for the arrest and conviction of C. A. Sloat, who attacked two Salem girls last March, and who is now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary, has succeeded in gaining the signatures of all participants in the reward money to an agreement to abide by the committee's decision.

As one or two members of the committee are out of town at the present time it is possible that the distribution of the money will not be made until the last of this week.

There are several claimants to the reward, among them being the city marshal of Newburg, the marshal of Albany, Sloat's attorney, and the father of an Albany girl who likewise made charges against Sloat.

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WASHINGTON, July 11.—President Harding, in a proclamation issued at the White House late tonight directed "all persons to refrain from all interference with the lawful efforts to maintain interstate transportation and the carrying of the United States mails."

In the proclamation, which was issued after a day in which continued reports had reached the postoffice department of interference by railroad strikers with mail trains, the president invited the cooperation of all public authorities, state and municipal and the "aid of all good citizens" to uphold the laws and to "facilitate those operations in safety, which are essential to life and liberty, and the security of property and our common public welfare."

The peaceful settlement of controversies between shop craft employees and carriers, it was stated, "in accordance with law and due respect for the established agencies for such settlement are essential to the security and well being of our people."

The president took the position that men willing to maintain the operation of railroad trains that transport mail "have the same indisputable right to work that others have to decline to work."

President Delays Dinner

President Harding was occupied throughout the evening with the preparation of the proclamation, delaying his dinner one hour in order to go over the first transcript. He returned to the executive offices after dinner and remained there until the proclamation would be made public about 10:30 p. m.

The text of the proclamation follows:

"A proclamation:
Whereas, the United States railroad labor board is an agency of the government, created by law and charged with the duty of adjusting disputes between railroad operators and employees engaged in interstate commerce, and

Decisions Cited

"Whereas, the United States railroad labor board has recently handed down decisions, one affecting the wage of the shop crafts employees, the other declaring the contract system of shop craft work with outside agencies to be contrary to the intent of the transportation act and therefore that such practice must be discontinued, and

"Whereas, the shop craft employees have elected to discontinue their work rather than abide by the decision rendered, and certain operators have ignored the decision ordering the abandonment of the contract shop practices; and

Settlement Essential

"Whereas, the peaceful settlement of controversies in accordance with law and due respect for the established agencies of such settlement are essential to the security and well being of our people;

"Now, therefore, I, Warren G. Harding, president of the United States, do hereby make proclamation, directing all persons to refrain from all interference with the lawful efforts to maintain interstate transportation and the carrying of the United States mails.

Appeals for Cooperation

"These activities and the maintained supremacy of the law are the first obligation of the government and all the citizenship of our country. Therefore, I invite the cooperation of all public authorities, state and municipal, and good citizens to uphold the laws and to preserve the public peace and to facilitate those operations in safety which are essential to life and liberty and the security of property and our common public welfare."

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington, this 11th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand

Whatver settlement is made

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