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# The Oregon Statesman

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The Oregon Statesman  
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SEVENTY-THIRD YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 10, 1923

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## WHEAT CROP FORECAST IS PESSIMISTIC

### Smallest Crop Since 1918 and Less Than Average Production Predicted for Winter Supply

## EXTENSIVE DROUGHT IN FALL RESPONSIBLE

### Much Acreage Abandoned and More Is Expected During This Year

WASHINGTON, April 9.—This year's winter wheat crop was forecast today by the department of agriculture at 573,317,000 bushels, the smallest crop since 1918 and 17,537,000 bushels less than the average production for the last 10 years.

The forecast was based on conditions prevailing April 1 and upon the assumption of average abandonment of acreage through the winter and average influence from now until harvest.

No estimate was made of abandoned acreage, which will be indicated in the May crop report, but in summarizing conditions as they existed April 1, the department said abandonment promises to be heavy, although fragrant from Ohio westward to Kansas and Nebraska.

## Drought Responsible

Owing to the extensive drought or scanty rainfall last fall, and winter in many sections, the department said, "much wheat failed to germinate or barely germinated, perished from the rigors of winter. In the plains area extending from western Nebraska through west Kansas into the region of Oklahoma and Texas, conditions are extremely poor, ranging from 50 per cent down to complete failure. These conditions extend with lessening severity over the adjacent areas, including the southwestern half of Nebraska, the western half of Kansas, practically all of the Texas panhandle, eastern New Mexico, eastern Colorado and southwestern Wyoming, in all of which territory the condition is below 65 per cent."

The acreage sown to winter wheat last fall was about 1,500,000 acres less than sown in the fall of 1921, the total having been 46,069,000 acres for the year, compared with 47,611,000 acres for last year's crop. The abandoned acreage last year amounted to almost 5,500,000 acres, and indications are that the abandonment this year will be more extensive.

## Kansas Crop Small

This year's rye production was forecast at 75,784,000 bushels, which is almost 20,000,000 less than last year's record crop, the third largest ever grown.

## TOPEKA, Kas., April 9.—

Conditions of the Kansas wheat crop, as reported April 1 indicates a probable abandonment of 27 per cent of the 12,234,000 acres sown, according to the monthly crop report issued tonight by the Kansas bureau of the United States department of agriculture.

The crop is rated at 64 per cent of normal, as compared with 65 per cent a year ago.

The total acreage sown is approximately the same as last year when the abandonment was 20 per cent and a crop of 128,564,000 bushels was harvested.

## Man Who Tunneled to Freedom Is Sentenced

OAKLAND, Cal., April 9.—Frank Desler, said by the district attorney here to be the same person who escaped from the Fort Douglas, Utah, military internment camp in 1918, while he was held there as a German spy, was given an intermediate sentence on a burglary charge in the superior court here today. Desler tunneled 169 feet to make his escape at Fort Douglas.

## THE WEATHER

OREGON: Tuesday increasing clouding; west portion, followed by rain; fair east portion.

## LOCAL WEATHER

(Monday)  
Maximum temperature, 66.  
Minimum temperature, 35.  
River, 5.8, falling.  
Rainfall, none.  
Atmosphere, clear.  
Wind, north.

## GOVERNMENT ASKED TO INSTALL BRANCH LABOR OFFICE HERE

### Chamber of Commerce Takes Action to Relieve Situation Which Threatens to Become Dangerous—Message Sent Senator McNary—Preparation Made For Rousing Meeting at Mt. Angel.

To relieve the labor shortage that it is feared will be felt in this district during the approaching harvest season, the directors of the Chamber of Commerce are attempting to have the federal department of labor establish immediately a branch government employment bureau in Salem. After a meeting of the board last night the following telegram was dispatched to United States Senator Charles L. McNary at Washington:

"Salem district facing grave labor shortage in harvesting coming fruit crop. The cooperation and help of the United States government is needed. Please urgently request the department to establish at once a branch government employment bureau in Salem such as now enjoyed by Eugene, Yakima, etc. Wire us what additional action necessary for us to take."

## DOYLE CLAIM SCOFFED AT

### Reverend DeHerdia Makes Light of Spirit Picture, Showing Deception

## NEW YORK, April 9.—

Sir Conan Doyle's "spirit pictures" throngs of shadowy gathering about the tomb of a British "unknown soldier" in London on Armistice day, were derided today by the Rev. C. M. DeHerdia, S. J., who demonstrated in the photographic department of the Evening World, that he could cause similar phenomena to appear on photographic plates without touching them and without any aid from the other world.

Father DeHerdia, a Catholic priest at Mexico City, has made a long study of spiritualism as well as the tricks employed by stage magicians and sleight of hand performers.

## Describes Method

He described his method of producing weird photographs as "trickery and device and spiritism not all—because as between living persons here on earth and the spirits that have passed from the body there is not and cannot be a control from the living world."

The Evening World published two of Father Herdia's pictures upon which figures had been super-imposed.

Three members of the newspaper staff, who were present at the demonstration testified Father DeHerdia did not touch the plates and did not approach closer to them at any time than three feet.

When he had finished his demonstration he proved how simple it all was by whispering the secret to a staff photographer in the group who thereupon made some "spirit" pictures.

On his way out, Father DeHerdia issued a challenge to the spiritualist exponents to produce any phenomena that he could not duplicate, provided he was given "as much time to prepare as they have presumably allowed themselves."

## NEW TIMECARD IS PROMISE OF S. P.

### Change to be Made About April 15—Schedule Not Yet Announced

A new time card is promised on the Southern Pacific about April 15. Just what all it is to contain is not at present made public, but it is understood there will be no radical change.

A mid boom in passenger traffic is expected this year as soon as the summer rates go into effect. The inquiry for rates indicates that there will be at least as many people on the rails this year as ever before; perhaps more. There are many Oregonians who haven't visited the old home in the east for a long time. This year they may take the long trek, and once more put their feet under father's hospitable table back in the States, and fall to on one of mother's famous dinners that have shone undimmed through all the years since childhood as the supreme miracle of cookery.

## THANK YOU SLOGAN AT THIS STORE

### Otherwise, Smokes are on the House—Effect Is Good Business for Vendor

Here's a lesson in courtesy that hangs in card form over the counter of a Salem store—one of the Salem stage Terminal stores:

"If we fail to thank you, who smokes are on us."  
Busy, tired people come in there asking for information. They would almost swear or kick in a showcase for pure cussedness and irritation; dog-gone these people that sit behind counters and loiter around while other folks treed out and nerve-frazzled. They ask for information almost as a high-wayman asks for money.

But this motto greets them. The effect is like pouring oil on a squaky bearing, like pouring milk in the trough for a snuffling, hungry pig; like water for a parched and thirsty crop. Men smile a shamefaced little smile, and sneak their temper back into their pockets; women smile little teary smiles, for that's a new note in all their travels, and it's as grateful as Christmas or Easter—for it is of the same beautiful spirit.

Not everybody buys a cigar; some don't smoke at all, and some (Continued on page 3)

## PRINCESS AND COUNT UNITED

### Populace of Italy Rejoice When Royalty are Married in Palace at Rome

## ROME, April 9.—

(By The Associated Press.)—Yolanda, vivacious and beautiful princess of the house of Savoy, today became the bride of Count Carlo Calvi di Bergolo, cavalry captain and World war hero.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena, with moistened eyes, saw their 21 year old daughter united with the man of her choice in two ceremonies, both held within the historic quiral palace.

The civil ceremony was at 10:30 in the morning in the grand hall of the palace, with Signor Tittoni officiating as civil officer of the crown. The religious ceremony followed shortly in the Pauline chapel.

The wedding was a cause for popular rejoicing.

## Crowds Enthusiastic

When Princess Yolanda appeared on the balcony of the palace, leaning on the arm of her husband, there was an enthusiastic demonstration from the thousands gathered in the square below. The tumult continuing, the king and queen and other members of the royal family showed themselves and remained for 10 minutes; during which the cheering continued unabated.

Signor Tittoni presented Yolanda with the golden pen set with rubies and diamonds; with which the marriage contract was signed. Premier Mussolini was presented by the bride with an autographed photograph.

Sixty-four other couples were married today in Rome, and to each Princess Yolanda sent a gift consisting of a box of wedding sweets on the cover of which appeared her portrait and that of Count Calvi. The whole was tied with a tri-color ribbon, bearing a silver medal on which appeared the Savoy and Calvi coats of arms.

## BANK TELLER IS KILLED IN HOME

### Self Defense Is Plea Put Up By Killer—Dying Statement Disproves

SALT LAKE CITY, April 9.—Benjamin F. Ballantyne, aged 35, son-in-law of John F. Browning of Ogden, Utah, noted gun inventor, was shot and fatally wounded at his home here late today. Mariner A. Browning of Ogden was held by the police in connection with the shooting.

Ballantyne, who until recently was a bank teller, died in a hospital tonight.

Questioned by the police, John Browning, a brother-in-law of Ballantyne, who also was detained at the city jail pending the investigation of the shooting, said that Mariner Browning, his cousin, shot Ballantyne in self-defense, the police announced.

Browning, according to the police, was in the Ballantyne home when the shooting occurred.

Others present at the time, the police said, were Mrs. Ballantyne and W. H. Reeder, Jr., an Ogden attorney.

In a deathbed statement to City Physician John J. Golligan, Ballantyne said that he was unarmed at the time of the shooting, according to the police.

The two Brownings and Mr. Reeder came to Salt Lake City yesterday and went to the Ballantyne home late today, the police said.

## LAD'S DEATH IN CON CAMP TO BE PROBED

### Brutal Murder of Adventurous Youngster to be Investigated by Committee

TALLA HASSEE, Fla., April 9.—The joint legislative committee which will investigate the death of Martin Tabert of North Dakota, who met death under alleged brutal circumstances at a private convict camp in this state, was definitely set today with the appointment of members of both houses to serve on it.

At the same time the house resolved to instruct the committee to exhume Tabert's body, give it a "decent suit of clothes, decent coffin and a decent burial at the expense of the state of Florida."

Affidavits gathered by North Dakota officials charged that after being maltreated the youngster's body was dressed in the clothing of an escaped negro convict, placed in the ordinary box and stuck in the ground.

Tabert, it is contended, was an adventurous youngster, of good family, out to see the world. He was arrested for riding a freight train in this county and, it is charged, was tried at night and sent to the convict lumber camp, where he lost his life.

## PASTOR SAYS NOT GUILTY

### Father Grace, Wanted on Charge of Forging Liquor Permits, Surrenders

## DENVER, Colo., April 9.—

Father Walter Grace, former pastor of the Shrine of St. Anne at Arvada, sought by federal authorities in connection with the alleged forgery of whisky permits, walked into the office of United States Marshal William A. Dolson shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon and surrendered to the authorities.

A search which began nationwide several weeks ago, after the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of Father Grace.

Shortly after surrendering, he was arraigned before United States District Attorney Granby Hillier, and admitted to bail in the sum of \$2500. The bond was made returnable June 15.

Father Grace walked 15 minutes in an ante room for a chance to surrender.

He identified himself to the authorities with the simple announcement:

"I am Father Grace. I believe you want to see me."

When he was arraigned before United States Commissioner Robert E. Foote and the warrant for his arrest read to him, he answered in a low voice: "Not guilty."

"I went from Denver to Washington, thence to Baltimore, from there to Philadelphia and then to Harrisburg," he told newspapermen. "In each of these places I had matters of great personal interest to attend to and spent some days in each."

In explaining the telegram which he had sent to Granby Hillier, United States district attorney to the effect that he had just heard of the charges against him and desired a few days in which to transact personal business, Father Grace declared that he had despatched the message im-

## LUMBER CAMP IS IN QUARANTINE

### Silver Falls Timber Company Men are Attacked by Affliction

SILVERTON, Ore., April 9.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Silver Falls Timber company camp No. 6 is under quarantine for smallpox. This camp, together with two other camps recently started operations and are now sending 70 carloads of logs to Silverton daily. This is 10 carloads less than was sent last summer during the busy season. It is expected that the output from the camps this year will be far more than that of last year. The mill has begun to run two shifts again. The night shift was laid off for about three months during the winter.

## URGE WOMEN TO MAKE WAR IMPOSSIBLE

### Greater Activity in Politics and More Efficiency in World Government Asked by Professor

## PUNITIVE EXPEDITIONS FORECAST FOR FUTURE

### Convention Proper to Open Today—Masculine Domination Scoffed

DES MOINES, Ia., April 9.—(By The Associated Press.)—At conferences of eight departments of National League Women Voters here this afternoon, women were urged to lend their cooperation in the prevention of war, to take an active part in politics and to exert their influence in the bringing about of greater efficiency in world government.

While the conferences on such topics as child welfare, education, women industry and others, were well attended, the conference on international cooperation to prevent wars and the one on efficiency in government were the headliners.

Professor Edward M. Earle of Columbia university, New York, told the women delegates that while no war is imminent as a result of economic relations abroad, he said there was a prospect of a long line of punitive expeditions.

Advocate Study

These expeditions, he said, would be forced upon this country unless there is a speedy departure from the present formula of the government's military obligation to protect the American dollar when it ventures abroad.

Professor Earle's speech disagreed in some respects with the one delivered by Fred J. Libby of Washington, secretary of the national council to prevent war, who declared that the United States is preparing for war.

Lent D. Upson, director of the Detroit bureau of government, Dr. Charles E. Merriman of Chicago; W. E. Mosher of New York and Raymond Moley of Cleveland, were speakers before efficiency in government department. They urged the women to study the system of government in vogue and to take a hand in bringing about a more efficient system.

Convention Today

Congressional adjournment without submission of a child labor prohibitory amendment to the federal constitution is an evidence of traditional injustice to women resulting from masculine domination of the courts, Mrs. Florence Kelly, secretary of the National Consumers League, said in an address before the child welfare conference. Resolutions to be acted upon by the convention are expected to include one urging preparation for the enactment of such a child labor amendment to the constitution.

Closed sessions were held by the committees tonight at which suggestions made at the afternoon conferences and league plans for the coming year will be finally drafted for presentation to the 800 delegates here for the convention Thursday morning. The convention proper will open tomorrow morning.

## Packard Plant Is Swept

### By Disastrous Blaze BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 9.—

Fire of unknown cause, originating in the vulcanizing room this afternoon swept the building of the Birmingham-Packard motor company, injuring three employees and two firemen, destroying about 100 automobiles and a large stock of repair parts and equipment, causing total damages which will approximate \$330,000 according to estimates of company officials.

## RAIDS NET SIXTEEN

### WASHINGTON, April 9.—

Two raids were made here tonight by police and department of justice agents in a roundup of alleged radicals. Sixteen persons were taken to police headquarters for questioning.

## NO TROUBLE FEARED

### EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark., April 9.—

Reports sent out from here today stating further trouble along the Missouri and North Arkansas railroad system is feared, were denied tonight by city and county authorities.

## ANOTHER NEW WORLD RECORD FOR DANCING

### Fifty Hours Is the Latest Time—Miss Cummings Re-sents Losing Old Claim

NEW YORK, April 9.—With a Texas whoop, Miss Alma Cummings shook her worn slippers from her feet tonight and did a barefooted pirouette on the floor of an uptown dance hall and thus was created formally, a new world's record of 50 hours' continuous dancing.

Miss Cummings is the San Antonio girl who resented the breaking of her world's record for continuous dancing last week by a pair who went six more hours than her 27. She started off on a new attempt at 7:10 last Saturday evening.

At 9:30 this evening she finished her stepping.

She said she was not tired. She used up the energy of two orchestras and seven men partners. Some grape fruit, tomato soup and peanuts were her only food.

She would have gone beyond the 50 mark, Miss Cummings said, except that her head began to ache because she was exposed to strong sunlight for three hours this afternoon. During the last six hours ice-cold towels were applied to her head. Her employer presented her with a silver loving cup.

## UNITY CHURCH IS DAMAGED

### Unitarian Building Suffers \$4500 Loss by Fire Yesterday Afternoon

Fire which broke out in the basement of the Unitarian church, Chemsoketa and Cottage, about 1:45 yesterday afternoon and which was not discovered until smoke was seen pouring out of one of the upper windows, caused an estimated damage of \$4500 before it was brought under control, and completely gutted the living quarters occupied by the Rev. and Mrs. Marten Fereshetian in the basement.

The blaze is thought to have started from a defective pipe. A general alarm was sent in by passersby shortly before 2 o'clock. The fact that no one was in the building at the time, allowed the fire to gain impetus.

Some Furniture Saved

Willing hands in the crowd which congregated succeeded in saving several chairs and a sewing machine from the burning basement, otherwise the entire contents, which included a valuable piano, were lost. Due to the nature of the fire which filled the basement and upper story with a dense cloud of hot smoke, fire-fighting was rendered difficult. Quick and thorough work on the part of the local department, however, prevented the blaze from spreading to the upper part of the church.

A total of \$3000 insurance was carried on the building and \$1,500 on the contents, according to C. S. Hamilton, church trustee, fully covering the loss.

Minister Absent

Rev. Mr. Fereshetian knew nothing of the fire until informed by the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Fereshetian was attending Willamette university at the time. They will make their home with friends for the present.

Rev. Mr. Fereshetian has occupied the pulpit at the Unitarian church for the past two years.

## REWARD IS PAID BY CAR EMPLOYEES

### Street Railway Men Distribute Their Part for Sloat Apprehension

An echo of the dead, almost as dead as King Tut and his mummied memory, came to Salem during the past week. It is from the Sloat case that had all Salem aroused a little more than a year ago.

On April 4, the street car employees, who had offered \$100 as their part of a reward to be paid on the apprehension of the man who assaulted two little girls of

## WAGE FIXING HELD INVALID BY JUDICIARY

### Supreme Court Declares Minimum Wage Act to be Unconstitutional—Vote Five to Three

## RIGHT OF CONTRACT FORMS FOUNDATION

### Law Said to Have Been Based on Opinions of Advisory Boards

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Wages cannot be fixed by law, under the constitution as it now stands, the supreme court, dividing five to three, held today in a case brought to test the constitutionality of an act of congress fixing minimum wages for women and minor girls in the District of Columbia.

The decision was delivered by Justice Sutherland, Justice McKenna, Van Devanter, McReynolds and Butler joining with Chief Justice Taft delivered a dissenting opinion for himself and Justice Sanford, while Justice Holmes read a dissenting opinion which followed in its main features, that of Chief Justice Taft. Justice Brandeis did not participate in the decision.

The majority based its position broadly upon the right of contract, insisting that while laws could be enforced to regulate working conditions, the employer and the employee must be free of legal restraint in determining between themselves what wages are acceptable.

Contract Freedom Lost

The minority contended that there was no greater police power in congress and the state legislatures to regulate working conditions than to regulate wages and that as there had been wide uniformity in holding that working conditions could be prescribed by law-making bodies, it followed in their judgment, that wages also were a proper subject for legislation.

Justice Sutherland pointed out in the majority opinion that the minimum wage law was "attacked upon the ground that it authorizes an unconstitutional interference with the freedom of contract included within the guarantee of the due process clause of the fifth amendment." The right to contract "about one's affairs," he stated, "is a part of the liberty to be protected by this clause."

This fact, he asserted, was "settled by the decisions of this court and is no longer open to question."

No Hours Prescribed

"It has nothing to do," he said, "with the character, methods or periods of wage payments. It does not prescribe hours of labor or conditions under which labor is to be done. It is not for the protection of persons under legal disability or for the prevention of fraud. It is simply and exclusively a price-fixing law, confined to adult women (for we are not now considering the provision relating to minors) who are legally as capable of contracting for themselves as men."

The majority opinion criticized the law on the ground that the "price fixed by the board (set up to administer its provisions) need have no relation to the capacity or earning power of the employe, the number of hours which may happen to constitute a day's work, the character of the place where the work is to be done, or the circumstances or surroundings of the employment."

"It is based wholly," the opinion added, "on the opinion of the members of the board and their advisers—perhaps an average of their opinions. If they do not precisely agree—as to what will be necessary to provide a living for a woman, keep her in health and preserve her morals,"

Justice Sutherland said he was not willing to concede, that the wages a woman received had any direct bearing upon her morals.

"What is sufficient to supply the necessary cost of living for a woman worker and maintain her in good health and protect her morals," he added, "is obviously not a precise or unvarying sum—not even approximately so."

The law was defective, he said, in that it took into account the necessities of only one party to the contract, ignoring the necessity of the employer, who is prohibited by the act from adjusting

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