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## PRESIDENT COOLIDGE CONFERS WITH CONGRESSMEN

Republican Leaders of House Attend White House Dinner—Legislative Session Discussed

### ADJOURNMENT BEFORE JUNE CONVENTION PLAN

Sinnott of Oregon Is One of Those Participating in Conference

WASHINGTON, March 21.—President Coolidge at a conference tonight with republican house leaders expressed the desire to have some form of farm relief legislation enacted before the close of the present session of congress.

The legislative session generally was discussed and Mr. Coolidge's callers said they were convinced that congress could adjourn before the June convention.

The president was told that the house would rush action on appropriation bills, dispose of the Johnson immigration bill and before the end of the session take up a measure providing for a readjustment of the salaries of postal employees.

The discussion was at a White House dinner conference arranged to consider the possibility of speeding up the legislative program in the house and followed a day during which the president saw several senators on the situation in that branch of congress.

Sinnott Present

Those who dined with the president tonight and then discussed legislation with him and Secretary Slomp were Representatives Longworth, the party leader in the house, Representatives Tilson of Connecticut, acting speaker; Chairman Madden of the appropriations committee and Snell of rule committee and Representative Darrow, Pennsylvania; Sanders, Indiana; Magee, New York; Sinnott, Oregon; Graham, Illinois, and Tinscher, Kansas; members of the republican steering committee.

Afterward Mr. Longworth asserted that regardless of the fate of the tax bill, congress would authorize a 25 per cent reduction in income taxes payable this year.

He predicted also that senate and house would be able to agree on rate schedules in the revenue measure in time to permit enactment of the bill before June 1.

Asked whether any indication had been given by the president as to whether he would approve the tax or bonus bills, if they were sent to him substantially as passed by the house, Mr. Longworth said that Mr. Coolidge had given no inkling of his views. The republican leader added, however, that he thought it would be "very much worth while" to send both measures to the White House.

Although President Coolidge emphasized the desirability of congress providing some form of relief for the farmers, he is understood to have expressed no opinion as to the exact form the legislation should take. Various proposals pending before the house agriculture committee were discussed and Mr. Tinscher, who is a member of the committee, assured the president that a relief measure would be reported shortly.

### Funeral of Mrs. Burnett To Be Held Today at 10:30

The funeral of Mrs. George H. Burnett, who died Thursday evening, will be held this morning at 10:30 from the Webb Funeral Parlors. The Chadwick chapter of the order of the Eastern Star will be in charge of the services. Honorary pallbearers include college is to be raised during a state supreme court. O. P. Coshow, H. J. Bean, John McCort, John L. Rand, Thomas McBride, and George M. Brown. Active pallbearers will be M. L. Meyers, L. L. Pierce, A. H. Steiner, A. N. Moore, R. K. Page and George G. Brown.

### THE WEATHER

OREGON: Generally fair Saturday; heavy frost; moderate northerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER (Friday) Maximum temperature, 51. Minimum temperature, 36. River, 1.4 feet; stationary. Rainfall, none. Atmosphere, partly cloudy. Wind, southeast.

## FEW REDUCTIONS IN PHONE RATES MADE BY BOARD'S ORDER

Woodburn and Albany, Two of Only Five Towns in State That Benefit By Service Commission's Decision In Celebrated Rate Case—Metered Service Ordered for Portland

Installation of a measured telephone service for business phones in the city of Portland is required of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company by an order of the public service commission in the celebrated rate case affecting that company. The order was issued late yesterday and is effective April 1.

The telephone company is not hard hit by the order. Five small cities in the state are to receive reduced rates, and all farmer lines will receive reductions except those on the Portland, Salem and Eugene exchanges. There is a reduction between Oswego and Portland. The five towns accommodated are Albany, Heppner, Hermiston, Prineville and Woodburn. The reduction on the farmer lines, where granted, is from \$9 to \$7.50 a year and from \$6 to \$5 a year, based on inability of the farmer to pay.

The order is signed by Commissioners H. H. Corey, chairman, and Thomas K. Campbell, Newton McCoy, the third members of the commission, refused to sign the order and is preparing a dissenting opinion. He contends the order issued yesterday does not afford the relief warranted by the laws and the facts.

## BANK IS CLOSED, CASHIER NABBED

State Closes Gold Hill Depository—P. H. Bell Is Suspected

The Gold Hill bank was closed yesterday at 2 o'clock by Examiner Stanley L. Stewart, Frank C. Bramwell, state bank superintendent, announced last night.

"From communications received by me today it appears that the cashier, P. H. Bell, has defaulted or embezzled the funds of the bank," Bramwell said. "When this was discovered, the matter was submitted to the bankers of Jackson county, but under the circumstances it was decided that the only solution was to close the Gold Hill bank pending any adjustments or future negotiations."

"We have not devised any definite plans but we are in hopes that within the next few days we will be in a position to perfect a reorganization or form some plans which will meet the conditions. It is difficult, of course, to see just what will be necessary until we have obtained more complete information. The cashier is under \$5,000 bonds, but whether or not this will cover the amount of his default is uncertain."

"The Gold Hill bank was organized July 18, 1904, with a capital of \$10,000. It now has a surplus of \$15,000, and total assets of \$119,613.70."

"Mr. Bell has been placed under arrest and we have recommended that his bail bond be fixed at not less than \$5,000. This recommendation has been based upon the theory that the amount of his official bond and the amount of his bail bond would be sufficient to cover the defaultations. This, however, has not yet been determined."

### Bishop Store Entered By Thieves Week Ago

One week ago tonight burglars entered the C. P. Bishop clothing store and stole a quantity of clothing and other things, it became known yesterday. There was no report of the robbery given out by the police.

Entrance was gained through the rear of the store by the thieves who placed up their loot in suitcases. Just how much was taken is not known at this store, for the prowlers were careful in rearranging the stock. The number of suits and overcoats missing cannot be ascertained, though it is believed the theft will amount to several hundreds of dollars. Further theft of a quantity of silk hosiery was first discovered yesterday, when one of the clerks opened a cardboard box kept on the shelves. When it was found that this was empty, a hurried survey was made, revealing the loss of a large number of stockings.

The store was entered in a similar manner several years ago and loot amounting to nearly \$1000 was taken. The thieves were apprehended before they had time to make a getaway.

## PARTICULARS OF HONDURAN WAR RECEIVED

Tale of Civil War in Tegucigalpa Reaches United States After Long Delay—Many Lives Lost

### 400 MILES TRAVELED BY MESSENGER ON MULE

Story Written March 1 Received Last Night—First Word Received Here

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Feb. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—(By Courier.)—Herewith is sent the story of the state of affairs in Honduras. It is not sure this dispatch will reach you. It is sent by special messenger who will travel over 400 miles on muleback through mountains and valleys full of revolutionists, or government soldiers, who will kill the bearer if they find him with this dispatch. May he reach safety and the seashore.

Civil war has taken possession of Honduras, and already has caused the loss of over 1500 lives—and it is just beginning.

Notwithstanding statements by the Washington government that Uncle Sam would not permit any more revolutions in Central America, notwithstanding treaties signed at Washington in February, 1923, and on board the USS Tacoma between the presidents of Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua and the three American ministers and the three American ministers to these countries; notwithstanding all these activities meant to secure peace in Central America, Honduras has been in civil war since early in February.

Struggle Described (The dispatch describes at length the struggle for the presidency between three candidates, Dr. Bonilla, Dr. Arias and General Carias, first in an election campaign and later before congress.)

General Carias left the capital on January 30, with 300 armed men, and under cover of the night took to the mountains to start the revolution. The diplomatic corps, headed by the British charge, M. George Lyall, on February 1 visited the president and the congressmen, saying that in the interest of peace it would be more desirable that the election of a president be concluded some way or other. But several deputies of the Carias party had already left the capital and were in the mountains preparing for war. No quorum could be gathered, and congress adjourned on January 21 without having elected a president.

The outgoing president, General Gutierrez, issued a decree declaring the constitution suspended and assuming all powers. The American legation made public a cablegram from Washington saying the American government would recognize the dictatorship conditionally and this naturally strengthened the position of the dictator.

War broke out on Feb. 6, when Colonel Anduray of the Carias party took the city of Siguatepeque 35 miles west of Tegucigalpa. At the same time attacks were made on other cities, resulting in many killed and wounded, but the only towns taken by revolutionists were Marcala and La Paz.

New Cabinet Named The government appointed a new cabinet, formed exclusively from the Bonilla party. This remained in power only four days. Dr. Bonilla told his leaders to keep aloof from the dictatorship government. All agreed except General Ferrera.

General Ferrera attacked and took La Esperanza, Ocotepeque, Gracias, Santa Rosa de Copan and Santa Barbara, all important cities of the west section. In his proclamation he did not say for whom he fought. He simply said he rose in arms against the dictatorship.

General Carias with an army of about 2,000, proclaimed himself president at Lamani on Feb. 9, 60 miles from Tegucigalpa. The American minister sought to bring about an adjustment between Carias and the existing government, but the latter refused to follow his advice.

General Carias was reported the next day as marching on the capital. The government became alarmed and at once took measures to defend the capital. The diplomatic corps took no steps toward preventing bloodshed. Fortunately General Carias diverted.

Frank Sever, who was deputy treasurer under the late O. P. Hoff, requested that an accounting of the department be made, but Mr. Myers said his action yesterday is not in response to Sever's request. Sever will be a candidate for the republican nomination for treasurer.

Myers said that he has not yet decided whom he will appoint as his deputy.

## IS CANDIDATE FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE



### BENJAMIN FILES FOR JUSTICE JOB

Former Assistant Attorney General Enters Race Against P. J. Kuntz

Joseph A. Benjamin, attorney in the United States National bank building, yesterday filed with the county clerk his declaration as a candidate for the republican nomination for justice of the peace. Mr. Benjamin was for 10 years assistant attorney general of the state. His declaration brings two in the race up to the present time for the republican nomination, since it is known that the incumbent, P. J. Kuntz, will file shortly.

After Mr. Benjamin's name on the ballot as his slogan will appear the words: "Assistant attorney general 10 years. My experience is your protection against injustice."

His platform reads as follows: "If I am nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, manifest, so far as I am able, by faithful and intelligent service in the administration and enforcement of the law, my belief in the ultimate accountability of everyone to a supreme being, for the fulfillment of the duties of his station in life, including his duty to his country and his neighbor."

## CARL T. POPE IS OUT FOR OFFICE

Local Attorney Files as Candidate for Marion District Attorney

Carl T. Pope yesterday filed his candidacy for the republican nomination for district attorney of Marion county. His slogan is, "For enforcing the laws without favor." This brings two men out for the office, for while District Attorney John Carson has not filed, he has announced he will be a candidate to succeed himself.

Mr. Pope has been engaged in the practice of law in Salem for some time and for the last year has been associated with R. W. Marsters, an attorney in Roseburg and Salem for the last 20 years.

For the last 12 years Attorney Pope has been a resident of the city, finishing his education in the local schools and graduated from the Willamette university law school, and has made his own way since he was 14 years old. He served with the state industrial accident commission for four years and has had a wide business experience, at present being secretary of the Masonic Temple association and manager of the Masonic building. For the last 18 months he has been secretary of the Salem Shrine club and in addition to serving on the city council, has been a taxpayer of Marion county for a number of years.

Besides being an ex-service man and a member of Capital post No. 9 of the American legion, he has been active in church affairs, being a member of the Episcopal church. Pope is also a member of the Salem Lodge of Elks and the Chamber of Commerce.

The following statement was made in connection with the filing: "In filing as a candidate for district attorney for Marion county in the republican primary, I am actuated by the desire to serve the people of Marion county. I am familiar with hard work. I believe that hard work and devoted attention to duty bring success. If elected it will be my constant ambition and controlling purpose to so carry out the duties of the office in such a manner that Marion county will be known as the county of highest moral standing in the state of Oregon."

## GLOBE FLIERS WILL HOP OFF ON MARCH 30

Weather Conditions Being Favorable Planes Will Leave Last of Month for Prince Rupert

### FOURTH OF JULY TO BE CELEBRATED IN LONDON

Around-the-World Jaunt May Be Completed Ahead of Schedule, Report

SEATTLE, March 21.—America's eight United States army aviators, who are attempting to encircle the globe in four giant Douglas air cruisers and who landed at Sand Point aviation field, north of here Thursday after their initial start from Santa Monica, Cal., on Monday, will hop off on the next leg of their 25,000-mile trip Sunday, March 30, provided weather conditions are favorable, according to an announcement made tonight by Maj. F. L. Martin, commander of the squadron.

"We want to be on our way as soon after an aerial exhibition, to be given March 29 in our honor at the stadium of the University of Washington, as possible," stated Major Martin. "The next stop will be Prince Rupert, B. C., 650 miles. We intend to make it within 10 hours flying time. We will probably start at 6:30 a. m."

Engine Change Only one engine will be changed at Seattle, according to Major Martin. The engine in the plane piloted from California by Lieutenant Leigh Wade, which was flown from Cottonwood, Cal., to Sand Point with a slightly damaged tail, will be replaced. The damaged part of the plane was fixed by a squad of experts today.

The four air cruisers have been thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned with gasoline, motors inspected and tuned, and new propellers bolted into place. The new propellers will have a stronger pull, necessary to life the aircraft out of the water after being fitted with pontoons.

Fourteen hours of actual flying time is the record of the trip to Seattle from Santa Monica, Cal., according to data compiled by Major Martin. One hour and 15 minutes was lost when the planes turned back to Vancouver, Wash., after starting for Seattle Wednesday and this time has been eliminated from the statistics.

The fliers expect to celebrate Fourth of July in England, Major Martin stated, and will probably finish the around-the-world jaunt 15 days ahead of schedule.

### G. S. Martin to Seek Justice of Peace Job

Some time next week Attorney G. S. Martin will file his candidacy for justice of the peace on the democratic ticket, he admitted yesterday. Mr. Martin has spent most of his spare time during the week in looking over the lists of registered democrats available at the county clerk's office.

Prior to locating in Salem about 10 years ago, Mr. Martin engaged in the practice of law in Linn county for nearly 20 years. He was born in Benton county and was graduated from OAC in 1892, and was admitted to the bar the following year at Corvallis.

When Attorney Martin files there will be three aspirants for the office, Joseph A. Benjamin, republican, having filed yesterday and Judge P. J. Kuntz, incumbent, who is seeking re-election.

### All Unsold Prunes are Cleaned Up by Brewer

Practically every unsold prune was cleaned up by W. H. Brewer, representing the Roseburg & Co., of San Francisco, who has been working the entire district on the quiet, according to various prune men of the city. Just how many pounds of prunes Brewer purchased is not known, but after he had finished with one private packer that gentleman went out in search for more prunes and found there were none. It is believed that nearly all prunes not in the hands of the Oregon Growers association, the H. S. Gile & Co. and the Clark county tonnage were taken by the suave visitor from the south who has returned from whence he came. Official confirmation of the growers' reports is expected to strengthen the market and have a good influence upon prune prices.

## FRIDAY IN WASHINGTON

Irwin B. Laughlin of Pittsburgh was nominated to be minister to Greece.

The state department was advised that comparative order had been restored at Tagucgalpa, Honduras.

President Coolidge discussed the legislative situation at a White House dinner conference with house republican leaders.

Members of the senate finance committee discussed revenue legislation with President Coolidge without conclusions being reached.

Counsel for Harry F. Sinclair and the oil committee argued without result whether Sinclair should be excused from further examination.

The house adopted an amendment to the naval appropriation bill which would request the president to initiate a movement for naval limitation conference.

Tax allowances and refunds for Mellon companies came in for attention by the senate and in the senate committee investigating the international revenue bureau.

Acknowledging the result of the North Dakota presidential primary President Coolidge promised to do his utmost to give such economic relief where it is needed.

The Daugherty committee went into a maze of charges having to do with illicit liquor withdrawals in 1921, and payments and "splits" alleged to have been made.

Chairman Hall of the interstate commerce commission wrote to congress on the question of unnecessary conflict with usages of inland transportation in enforcing section 28 of the merchant marine act.

The house rules committee recommended an investigation of charges of duplications in government bonds while an investigation of prohibition enforcement was proposed in a resolution by Representative Kindred, democrat, New York.

## MYERS' TENURE IS IN QUESTION

Secretary Koser Asks Attorney General on Term of Office

Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, yesterday sent a letter to Attorney General Van Winkle asking whether he shall include the office of state treasurer among those that are to be filled by election this year.

In appointing Jefferson Myers state treasurer to succeed the late O. P. Hoff, Governor Pierce issued the commission for the full unexpired term of Mr. Hoff, expiring in January, 1927. The general understanding is that appointees named to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation or other inability to serve, shall hold only until their successors are elected and qualified as a result of the next election. In his letter to Van Winkle, Koser quoted the following from the constitution: "When during the recess of the legislative assembly a vacancy shall happen in any office the appointment to which is vested in the legislative assembly, or when at any time a vacancy shall have occurred in any other state office, or in the office of judge of any court, the governor shall fill such vacancy by appointment which shall expire when a successor shall have been elected and qualified."

The secretary of state is required by law not less than 45 days before the primary election to certify to the county clerks a list of the offices that are to be filled. If the attorney general should hold that a state treasurer is to be elected, Koser wants to know whether the election is to fill out only the unexpired term of Mr. Hoff, or whether it is for a full period of four years.

NEW COMPANY FORMED BAKER, Ore., March 21.—A company of the Oregon National guard was mustered in here tonight as a part of the 186th infantry, with 70 men on the muster roll.

BROWNSVILLE HAS FIRE BROWNSVILLE, Ore., March 21.—Fire of undetermined origin early today caused damage estimated at \$65,000 to the sawmill plant and stock of Mack and Samuel Sawyer, located five miles from here.

## WHISKEY DEAL IS UNCOVERED BY COMMITTEE

Justice Department Probers Splashed With Unexpected Testimony On Sensational Liquor "Split"

### THOUSAND DOLLAR BILLS FIGURED IN BUSINESS

Lively Tilt Between Daugherty Counsel and Wheeler Enjoyed by Spectors

WASHINGTON, March 21.—A \$200,000 whiskey deal—the biggest yet—was uncovered today by the Daugherty investigating committee.

John Goroni, vice president of the Alps Drug company, told a story of how he, the late Jess W. Smith, "bumper" and friend of Attorney General Daugherty, and Howard H. Manning, one of the occupants of the "Little green house on K street," had, he said, shared in the "split" which accompanied the withdrawal of whiskey from federal warehouses for sale to bootleggers.

As with previous testimony of the sort, it was brought no nearer to Attorney General Daugherty himself than these two friends.

Goroni told the committee some of the things which, he stated, did not come out when he was tried and acquitted of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law in New York. Attorney General Daugherty in his highly commented on the day's testimony, pointed out that he himself was in no way "embarrassed or implicated."

Wheeler Applauded Goroni's whiskey "deal" story splashed from the witness stand in a hectic day marked by passing of the "He" to Mr. Daugherty's counsel by Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana. The latter charged that there was continual "beam-throwing" of committee witnesses and that the committee was being denied evidence from the Ohio bank of which Mr. Daugherty's brother, Mal, is president, while Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, said Howard Manning, mentioned in Goroni's story as now reported in Paris, had been spirited away Mr. Daugherty's counsel, after a bitter scene in which the audience loudly applauded Senator Wheeler, promising.

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## TROLLEY FARES TO BE RAISED HERE

Southern Pacific Company to Increase Rates to 7 Cents April 22

Unless halted by a protest from the people or the city, the Southern Pacific company will, on April 22, increase its streetcar fares in Salem and Eugene from 6 to 7 cents. The revised schedule of increased rates was filed yesterday in the office of the public service commission. It is certain that a protest will be made and that the commission will suspend the increased rates until a hearing of the case is held.

Under the new schedule of rates children under 5 years old, if accompanied by an adult and not occupying seats would be carried free. Conductors would have on sale 25-cent strips of tickets of four tickets each, and tickets in books of 50 could be purchased at \$3.10. At present the charge for these is \$3.

On sufficient advance notice to the company special or chartered cars would be furnished at a charge of \$5 for the first hour for each car and \$2.50 per car for each additional hour or fraction of an hour, with the minimum charge fixed at \$7.50.

If brought aboard by passengers paying full fare, hand baggage, lap dogs, go-carts and packages not occupying seats would be carried free.

In Eugene the revised schedule is virtually the same as for Salem, with the following provided for interurban trips: From Eugene to Kincaid, 7 cents; from Eugene to Midway, 14 cents; from Eugene to West Springfield, 14 cents; from Eugene to Springfield, 14 cents.