

## WORLD COURT AGAIN FORMS SENATE ISSUE

### Republican Members of Foreign Relations Committee Confer on Question—Democrats Threaten

## COOLIDGE STANDS FOR HARDING-HUGHES PLAN

### Loge to Formulate New Plan in Conformity With President's Ideas

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Republican members of the senate foreign relations committee were held by President Coolidge at the white house conference tonight that his position with reference to the world court question was the same as indicated in his message on the subject and in various statements since made.

The committee members who were headed by Chairman Lodge, it was said, would attempt to formulate a plan which would be in harmony with the president's position.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Republican members of the senate foreign relations committee faced with a democratic threat to force senate action on the world court question before adjournment of congress gathered at the white house tonight to talk over the whole matter with President Coolidge.

The committee meeting tomorrow was called by Chairman Lodge several days ago at the request of Senator Swanson of Virginia ranking democratic member who indicated in a public announcement that unless some action soon was taken he would move to discharge the committee, thereby bringing the world court question to the senate floor.

The meeting was preceded by a lengthy conference between the president and Secretary Hughes.

The world court plans are before the foreign relations committee and Senator Pepper, of Pennsylvania, a republican member was understood to have prepared for discussion at tonight's conference an outline of a compromise proposal on which he has been at work.

## SANDE SUSPENDED

NEW YORK, May 20.—The ruling of Bill Snyder, starter of the Kentucky derby, who suspended Earle Sande for 10 days for misbehavior at the post, was accepted today by the Stewards of Jamaica race track.

If the stewards of Belmont Park also approve the ruling, the leading Ranocosa stable jockey will be unable to ride in the Metropolitan handicap on Thursday and will be out of the saddle until a week afterward.

## THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair Wednesday, except foggy or cloudy near the coast; moderate westerly winds.

## NATIONAL GUARD IS BARRED FROM TRIP TO MONTEREY, CAL.

### Governor Pierce Writes Letter to White Ordering That Troops Be Taken to Camp Lewis Instead—Adjutant General Fears Federal Funds May Not Apply For Camp in North.

The Oregon national guard will not take its summer training in California. Because of the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease in that state Governor Pierce yesterday wrote Adjutant General White requesting that the guard not go to Monterey, Calif., as planned several weeks ago, but should go to Camp Lewis instead.

The governor's decision is based largely on reports received from Dr. B. T. Sims, head of the veterinary department of Oregon Agricultural college, who is now in California as Oregon's representative in the foot and mouth disease situation.

## BOYCOTT ON THREE CAFES

### Culinary Workers Threaten to Station Pickets on Restaurants Here

Announcement was made late last night by representatives of the newly organized Culinary Workers' union that a boycott has been declared on three of the biggest restaurants in Salem and that pickets are likely to be stationed at these places some time today. They refused to name the restaurants referred to for publication at this time.

The three restaurants, it was said, refuse to display the union card, and also it was asserted that the managers have threatened to discharge all union employees. The union says the attitude of the restaurant owners amounts to a lock-out.

The culinary workers say they have tried in every way to enter into arrangements that would be satisfactory to the employers, but that they insist on maintaining the open shop principle.

## BOYS' CHORUS IS GREATLY ENJOYED

### Epley's Youngsters Win Approval of Big Audience at Tabernacle

Over fifteen hundred people enjoyed the concert given by the Salem boys' church last night at the tabernacle. Dr. H. C. Epley and his assistants deserve much credit, as the entire program went through without a hitch. Every number was encored and to make special mention of any one number would be doing an injustice to others.

Besides the numbers rendered by the chorus the following assisted in the program: The Salem high school orchestra; Woody Brothers, vocal duet; Salem high school quartet; violin solo by "Tommy" Livesley, Jr.; vocal solo by Donald Bassfield; a harp solo by Robert Brown, age 6 years; vocal solo by Billy Utley, age 4 1/2 years; piano duet by Cecil Deacon and Robert Alexander; piano solo by Cecil Deacon; vocal solo by Roger Moudy, and a short address by Mayor Giesy. Cecil Deacon and Robert Alexander were at the pianos.

Mayor Giesy said that he was proud of this bunch of boys and he thought that everyone should be proud of them. He said that Dr. Epley had accomplished wonders, that he was loved by the boys, and that if there were more such men there would be no need of a curfew law in Salem, that Salem's future would be determined by these boys—that any trouble with boys was always traced to the home. He said that the city never had any trouble with Dr. Epley's boys.

## HECKER SAVED FROM HANGING BY EXECUTIVE

### Eleventh Hour Clemency of Governor Saves Man Who Killed Bowker From the Gallows Today

### "NO PREMEDITATION" THINKS THE GOVERNOR

### Sentence of Youth Commuted to Life Imprisonment—Statement Made

Governor Pierce yesterday commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of Russell Hecker, who was sentenced to be executed at the state prison at 10 o'clock today for the killing of Frank Bowker of Portland. The governor based his action on the belief that the crime was not premeditated by Hecker and occurred during a quarrel. Hecker, an Albany man, killed Bowker April 16, 1922, on the Pacific highway in Clackamas county. Bowker was a Portland musician.

"I have given many long hours of thought to the Russell Hecker case, studying it from every angle, trying to judge the evidence and facts submitted to me, weighing the interview which I had with the defendant, Russell Hecker, and others who have appeared before me, asking for executive clemency," the governor said. "I have also considered carefully statements made by those opposed to any interference with the final decision of the court.

"Russell Hecker was regularly tried before a just judge. He was able to defend by brilliant counsel, found guilty of first degree murder by a jury of twelve, seven men and five women, and sentenced to be hanged on the 21st day of May A. D. 1924. In order to arrive at this decision the jury was obliged to find that the murder was premeditated. From affidavits presented to me, which I believe are true, giving new evidence, and a careful review of all the testimony taken at the trial, it is my judgment that the killing of Frank Bowker was not premeditated by Russell Hecker, therefore, the extreme penalty of death by hanging should not be inflicted on the defendant.

"I, therefore, commute his sentence from death by hanging to confinement in the Oregon state penitentiary for life.

"After an interview of more than two hours with Russell Hecker, I am firm in my belief that he is a young man of ordinary judgment, and not a hardened criminal. I cannot believe that a young man of twenty-four years would premeditate murder as carelessly and with as little forethought as the prosecution

"I am taking the liberty to cite the following as an example of the extreme caution which is being practiced by the men in charge down here. When the disease first appeared in the state one of the veterinarians on the staff at the University of California left his work and went into the field to help. For the past 10 weeks he has not been on the grounds of his department at the university. When he has been in Berkeley and has had occasion to discuss affairs of the department with the other veterinarians on the staff he has either talked by telephone or shouted his instructions to them from a distance of 50 yards or so. He told me today he believed there would be no danger in his going on the premises but he was not willing to take any chances.

"Encouragement Flitting "The situation here is not quite so encouraging as it seemed 10 days ago. Orange, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Fresno counties have all become infected in the last two weeks. It was rather expected that it would spread into Orange and Tuolumne counties as it was at their borders and this could hardly be called a spread into new territory. But the other two counties were far from any trouble. While some of the first counties infected seem about out of danger now the fact remains that there are eight counties with active infection at the present."

HOLD ORATORY CONTEST EUGENE, Or., May 20.—The annual tri-state oratorical contest to be participated in by the Universities of Washington, Oregon and Idaho will be held here Thursday night. Last year Paul Patterson of Oregon won the contest at the University of Idaho.

## MILLER'S LEAD BEING REDUCED BY LATE COUNT

### Strayer Now Only 212 Behind and Gaining as Missing Precincts Total Up

PORTLAND, Or., May 20.—The lead of Milton A. Miller over W. H. Strayer for the democratic nomination for United States senator was cut to 212 by additional returns from Friday's primary election tabulated late today. Figures from 1630 precincts out of 1763 in the state gave Miller 10,419; Strayer, 10,207.

Among the counties which have so far not sent in complete official or unofficial returns are Baker, Clatsop, Coos, Crook, Curry, Gilliam, Grant, Jackson, Lane and Morrow. Clatsop has 19 missing precincts still to report, Coos 45 and Curry 16.

## FIRE WARDENS END CONFERENCE

### Convention Closes With Demonstration of Fire Fighting Apparatus

Yesterday morning's session of the fire warden's conference, held in the state house, was opened by an address by Shirley Buck of the district forester's office at Portland, on "Portable Power Pumps."

Deputy State Forester Lynn F. Crommiller followed Mr. Buck with a talk on "Field Forms, Their Use and Importance." He stated that it was impossible for the state forester personally to supervise the work, and his only way to keep in touch with the activities of the field force was through the field forms properly made out. He also covered the matter of the importance of the data secured in showing what has been accomplished and as a guide for future activities. He took up the various reports, separately, explaining their use and the proper method in filling them out.

T. T. Manger, of the United States forest service at Portland, gave a very interesting address on "Reforestation." He covered the importance of the work and then took up the methods by which a new forest can be assured.

"In the Douglas fir region," Mr. Manger stated, "this can be done by proper burning following logging, before the seed in the soil germinates and then preventing future fires."

In the yellow pine forests he advocated keeping fires out before logging, protection of the young growth during logging, and by using the least destructive method of logging.

Clay M. Allen of the United States forest service, Portland, opened the afternoon meeting with a talk on telephones in their application to the work of the forestry department.

E. T. Allen, economist of the Western Forestry and Conservation association, although not on the program, consented to talk to the warden's and covered the matter of spring and fall fires.

The conference was closed by a demonstration of portable fire fighting pumps given on the Thomas Kay woolen mills property. At this time a Hancok torch was also shown. It is used in starting fires for back-firing purposes.

## VIOLENT DEATH MEANS LITTLE TO ABE EVANS, SENTENCED TO DIE; GOBLE MURDER RECALLED

Abe Evans, who is under sentence to be hanged at the state penitentiary Friday, June 6, for the murder of James Doran in Wasco county, is connected by marriage with a prominent Kentucky family and one in which there have been many tragedies. Evans' wife, however, has divorced him since his sentence and is again married and living in central Oregon.

A brother of Evans' former wife, Hays Green by name, was married to Rebecca Powers, sister of Caleb Powers, who, while secretary of state of Kentucky, was twice sentenced to hang and later to serve in the penitentiary on a charge of being implicated in the murder of Governor Goble of that state in 1900.

## HOUSE GIVES McNARY BILL CLEAR FIELD

### Republican Steering Committee Promises Rapid Action on Farm Relief By End of This Week

### MEASURE HAS MAJORITY OF AGRICULTURE GROUP

### Creation of Government Marketing Corporation Attacked and Defended

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The house took up formally today the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill under a program calling for 15 hours general debate but made little progress with it. It was late in the day before the measure was reached and, although brief debate was then conducted, plans for a night session with three or more hours devoted to the legislation went awry through inability to muster a quorum until after 10 o'clock.

Points of quorum were made frequently almost as soon as the measure came under consideration. Recessing for dinner the house met again at 8 o'clock only to face another quorum call made by Representative McNulty, democrat, New Jersey and at best could muster only 181 members, nearly 40 less than the required number.

Representative Kincheloe, democrat, Kentucky, a member of the agriculture committee which reported the bill, then moved to adjourn but this was rejected, 115 to 12.

Representative Longworth, the republican leader, finally moved that the sergeant at arms be ordered to arrest the absentees and bring them to the chamber, and his motion carried.

After a quorum had been obtained at 10:20 o'clock, Representative Wingo, democrat, Arkansas, demanded that the names of those "arrested" be printed in the record. Representative Longworth then charged some members were attempting to delay progress on the bill. A chorus of "noes" rose from the democratic side of the chamber.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The plight of the American farmer today was before the house which probably will decide before the end of the week whether the McNary-Haugen bill should be passed as a relief measure.

The bill would set up a government corporation to market the surplus farm products abroad. House leaders plan for it to reach a vote by Saturday.

Supported by a majority of the agriculture committee the measure faced a fight on the part of many republicans and democrats who think it unworkable.

In arranging to give the bill right of way Representative Longworth made it clear that none of the steering committee was committed to its support.

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## OLE HANSON IS HAULED UP FOR A HORSE THIEF

### "Charged With the Stealing of My Own Horse," Says Ex-Mayor of Seattle

LOS ANGELES, May 20.—Ole Hanson, war-time mayor of Seattle and now a Los Angeles real estate operator, tonight made ready to defend himself against a charge of horse stealing filed in Pasadena justice court today by Clarence W. Batsen of Sierra Madre, a suburb.

"I am charged with stealing my own horse," said Hanson. "When I came here from Seattle I shipped five ponies, one of them a strawberry roan named 'Golden.' Soon afterward some one stole Golden, and for 18 months we searched for the animal in vain. Then, last Saturday, I saw the horse in a vacant lot at Sierra Madre. I called him by name and he pulled up his stake and came to me.

"I sought Mr. Batsen, the purported owner, and he told me he had bought Golden from a man in Filtridge, who had purchased it from a Mexican, who said he got it from a boy. He turned the horse over to me, but asked my aid in recovering the money he had paid for it. Later, apparently, he changed his mind, for the next thing I knew he had sworn to a complaint charging me with stealing the horse.

"It is with sincere joy that I learn the death penalty for this offense is no longer in existence."

## RAN DOWN ROBBER OF BUSICK STORE

### Corvallis Chief of Police Adds Another Laurel to His Good Record

The Busick store in Corvallis was robbed on the evening of April 12. A local man there hid in the store till the clerks locked up for the night. Then he found and rifled the cash drawer, taking about \$100 in money and \$400 in checks.

The chief of police at Corvallis, Henry Roberson, was notified and went to work on the case. Yesterday he got his man and secured a written confession, and recovered the checks.

Mr. Roberson has been on the police force of Corvallis for ten years, for six years and seven months on the night force, and since that time as chief. During that ten years every case of robbery or theft or swindling amounting to over \$5, with only two exceptions, has been run down—and in all cases the work has been accomplished in less time than it took to run down the robber of the Busick store.

That surely makes up a very good record. The Busick stores are members of the Burns detective agency, but in this Corvallis case, W. J. Busick turned the matter over to Chief Roberson to work out and run down the perpetrator of the crime, and he feels that the Corvallis chief, and his men on the police force of the college city, are deserving of credit for their work, and of commendation for their work in the past.

## TUESDAY IN WASHINGTON

Plans for a recess of the Daugherty committee were agreed upon.

The cabinet considered steps for carrying out provisions of the soldier bonus act.

The senate in debate reviewed the charges against Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana.

The house took up the McNary-Haugen farm aid bill with debate limited to 15 hours.

The resignation of Cyrus E. Woods as ambassador to Japan was accepted by President Coolidge.

The house shipping board committee heard testimony bearing upon the claim of the Atlantic corporation of Portsmouth, N. H.

Charges of heavy campaign expenditures in Texas by the Ku Klux Klan were denied before the senate Mayfield investigating committee.

Chairman Butler of the house naval committee said \$150,000,000 was needed to make the American navy equal in strength to that of Great Britain.

## CHANGE IN TAX NECESSARY TO AVOID DEFICIT

### Government Departments and Legislators Hasten to Prepare Estimates of Cost of Bonus Bill

### CONGRESS TO MODIFY PENDING LEGISLATION

### Veto of Tax Measure Certain If Returns Do Not Meet Added Expense

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Official Washington joined hands today in a move to adjust the government to the soldier bonus bill. Congress, which forced the bill into law over the president's veto, showed a willingness to cooperate in adjusting as far as possible the pending tax reduction bill, to conform to added cost of the bonus.

The various executive departments charged with administration of the bonus law hurriedly began to assemble their forces. The administrative question was taken up at the cabinet meeting, and it was determined that upward of 3000 additional employees would be required immediately for the work of circulating application blanks and assembling necessary data.

While President Coolidge's attitude as to the possibility of tax reduction as proposed in the revenue bill now in conference in congress remained undefined, the conferees after taking two three-hour sessions indicated every effort would be made to mould the measure on as satisfactory a basis as possible.

Both Chairman Smoot of the finance committee and Chairman Green of the house ways and means committee expressed the belief that the conferees would decide on a bill by tomorrow which would be acceptable to the administration.

There is no chance, however, Mr. Smoot said, of pruning down the proposed cuts in taxes to prevent a treasury deficit under present estimates of revenue for the next fiscal year.

While the estimated expense of \$150,000,000 for the next fiscal year on account of the bonus can not be provided for in the pending tax bill, which experts say will more than eliminate the estimated surplus over the necessary government expenditures, administration leaders in congress expressed the opinion today that the bill would be signed because of the stimulus it will afford to business.

The American Red Cross joined the government department today in the work of distributing to veterans application blanks and full instructions on the provisions of the bonus bill and it is planned to have this well under way within a few days.

The greatest burden of administrative work will come during the next year. Although none of the insurance certificates will be issued before next June, and cash payment will not be made before next March, the task of checking the approximately 4,000,000 applications expected will be gotten under way as quickly as possible.

The war department today submitted an estimate of \$4,500,000 to the budget bureau as the amount necessary to meet administrative expenses during the next fiscal year. This contemplates the employment of more than 2500 additional clerks and the certification of records of about 4,000,000 world war veterans.

## Lost Fish Basket Found by Lost Ad

D. A. Dinamoor, of Portland, lost a fish basket near Aumsville. He placed a little ad in the classified columns of the Tuesday morning Statesman and the basket was returned. Having been found by W. B. Daniels, of 415 N. Cottage street, Salem, who brought it in the Statesman office before 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

If you have lost or found something and you really want to find the owner or finder just tell the people through the Statesman Classified column.

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