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GIANT GRAIN MERGER PLAN IS SUBMITTED

Detailed Offer is Presented for Union of Five Big Companies Under Producer's Control

DETAILS OF FINANCING TOTAL MANY MILLIONS

Farm Bureau Considers Means of Raising Huge Sinking Fund

CHICAGO, June 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—A detailed plan under which five large grain concerns and 5000 cooperative elevators would come under producer control was formally submitted today to the executive committee of the American farm bureau federation.

"It is understood that the tentative plan has been presented to other farm organizations," the farm bureau announcement said. "A selected committee, headed by President O. E. Bradfute of the American Farm Bureau federation has been appointed to examine the plan and shape the legal details of the merger. The personnel of the committee probably will be announced within the next few weeks, and the report of the examiners will be ready for the entire farm bureau membership before fall, according to the present plans of Mr. Bradfute.

The financing of the consolidation is expected to be cared for with the funds which ordinarily make the "rebates" to the producer under cooperative marketing systems.

While the legal and financial details of the plan were not made public by the federation, it was suggested that the "rebates" might be diverted into a sinking fund for the amortization of the consolidation debentures, stocks and bonds.

Details of financing reaching many millions of dollars will make the chief demands upon the efforts of the committee in the view of those who have followed the trend of recent negotiations in the grain trade. The formal announcement of the farm bureau follows:

"A plan contemplating acquiring the mechanical and managerial facilities of five large grain concerns and five thousand cooperative elevators has been presented to the American Farm Bureau federation.

"This plan proposes that the international grain marketing sales agency resulting become grower-owned and finances controlled.

"This plan was presented to the executive committee of the American Farm Bureau federation this week. After a four-day discussion, a resolution was adopted authorizing the present of the federation to appoint a committee of which he shall be the chairman of such size and personnel as may by him be deemed proper to complete the study and analysis of the proposition above referred to for the purpose of determining the practicability of the producer undertaking to own the marketing facilities for grain and the practical method by which it may be successfully accomplished to the best advantage for the producer.

"The proposed plan includes acquiring the facilities of the Armour Grain company, Rosenbaum grain corporation, Battlett Frazier & Co., Rosenbaum Brothers and J. C. Shaffer and company.

GAS PRICE CUT

OMAHA, Neb., June 20.—The price of gasoline was cut from 15 to 14 cents a gallon here yesterday at the municipal station operated by City Commissioner John Hopkins, who announced another one cent reduction would be made today. The cut was made possible, he said, by better prices at the refineries.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair and warmer Saturday; moderate northwesterly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER

(Friday) Maximum temperature, 82. Minimum temperature, 59. River, —.02; rising. Rainfall, none. Atmosphere, clear. Wind, west.

M'ADOO HOLDS CONFERENCES WITH LEADERS

Californian Making Preparation to Secure Needed Vote of Convention

NEW YORK, June 20.—Carrying out a definite plan designed to strengthen and consolidate his position, William G. McAdoo devoted virtually all his time today to conferences with chairmen of state delegations, members of the national committee and other delegates to the democratic national convention. Abrogation of the two-thirds rule for the nomination of a presidential candidate was one subject discussed. Decision as to the attitude that the McAdoo forces are to take on this question, however, will be deferred, probably until Sunday or later. It was formally announced that former Senator James D. Phelan of California, who will arrive here tomorrow from Paris, will place Mr. McAdoo in nomination before the convention.

Seconding speeches probably will be limited to three, two to be delivered by men and one by a woman. Charles M. Hay, delegate at large, from Missouri, will make one of these addresses.

David Ladd Rockwell, campaign manager for Mr. McAdoo, announced that the convention floor management of the McAdoo forces probably would be conducted under a zoning plan with 13 zone managers acting under the direction of Mr. Rockwell.

PARADE PLANS ARE COMPLETE

Majority 96 Sunday Schools in Marion County to Participate

With 96 Sunday schools in the county, of which one-half have promised to enter floats, the annual Marion county Sunday school picnic will be launched from the Marion square promptly at 10 o'clock this morning, wending its way to the fairgrounds where the main program and picnic will be given. Schools which do not enter floats are expected to have marching representatives in the parade. Judges will be stationed at the post office to make their awards. Last year more than 300 youngsters participated in the athletic events, a feature of the picnic.

B. F. Irvine, editor of the Oregon Journal, of Portland, will be the principal speaker of the day, talking on some phase of home life and the Sunday school as an institution. The entire program is in charge of a committee headed by Dr. F. E. Brown, with R. R. Boardman, Leslie Sparks and Miss Mary Findley in charge of the athletic events.

After the parade is disbanded at the fairgrounds the picnic luncheon will be served, each family making their own provision for the meal. The athletic events will be the feature of the afternoon. Something for everyone has been the keynote of those in charge, and every one is guaranteed a good time.

Col. Carl Abrams, of the parade committee, will be grand marshal of the day, while Loyal

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"CRANKS" BLAMED FOR BANSOM NOTE

Threatening Letters Recently Received Attributed to Misguided Fools

CHICAGO, June 20.—"Crank" letters were blamed by the police today for new threatening letters received in connection with kidnaping and slaying of Robert Franks, to which Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, millionaires' sons and neighbors of the slain boy, have confessed.

Chief Justice John R. Caverley of the criminal court, who will preside at the trial of Leopold and Loeb today revealed that he had recently received a letter threatening the life of Josephine Franks, 17 year old sister of the slain boy. Meshville, Irvin Hartmann, Jr., 10 year old son of a wealthy furniture dealer and playmate of the Franks boy, had been taken out of the city.

GAS PRICES TO BE SUBJECT OF FEDERAL PROBE

Attorney General Stone Announces That He Intends to Go to Bottom of the Situation

PRICE MAINTENANCE BELIEVED TO BE CAUSE

Complete Activities of Oil Companies to Come Under Investigation

WASHINGTON, June 20.—The government's intention to go to the bottom of the whole gasoline price situation, probably through the courts, was indicated today by Attorney General Stone.

Inquiries instituted by the federal trade commission and the department of justice are to form the basis of the proceedings which it was stated will be started by the federal government. Results of the commission's study of the price question, made at the request of President Coolidge are in the hands of the department of justice and Mr. Stone announced that he had directed members of his staff to collect data offered by department investigators with that obtained by the trade commission.

As the next step Mr. Stone will hold a conference early in July with attorneys general of certain states whose identity is withheld for the present.

After that conference, which Mr. Stone said would provide a comprehensive survey of the whole situation, the department of justice will make known the character of the proceedings it intends to employ.

Whether the department has uncovered some semblance of price maintenance arrangements was not stated. Mention was made by Mr. Stone in a formal statement, however, that part of the department's inquiry had been directed toward determining whether the several Standard Oil companies had obeyed the federal court dissolution decree of 1911.

When the department completes its preparatory study of the gasoline question it expects to be able to lay before the public a complete picture of the oil industry in this country from production through refining and distribution.

LEADER AGAINST PINK CONVENTION

Biloxi of Farmer-Labor Party Repudiates Work of St. Paul Gathering

DENVER, Colo., June 20.—Dr. C. B. Warner of Biloxi, Miss., chairman of the national campaign committee of the farmer-labor party of the United States in a signed statement issued here today declared:

"The recent conference held in St. Paul by the progressive element in the United States does not have the confidence of the farmer-labor party of the United States."

"The St. Paul conference," said his statement, "originally was intended to unite all progressives in this country, but it was soon discovered that the communists proposed to seize control and the more conservative element of the progressives refused to take part. The farmer-labor party of the United States was invited to come into the conference, but refused to do so. It is unfortunate that so many radicals have seized upon the name of farmer-labor to designate themselves. It is a popular name and they hope to improve their chances thereby.

"The farmer-labor party expects to take an active part in the progressive conference, which meets at Cleveland on July 4. It is expected that a good progressive platform will be adopted and that Senator Robert M. La Follette will be our candidate. From information which comes to us, we are confident that a very large part of the vote of the west and the northwest will be for Mr. La Follette and that the election of president will eventually be made in the home of representatives."

CLIMB ATTEMPT UP MT. EVEREST IS DISASTROUS

Word Received That Two Members of Party Meet Death Near Summit

LONDON, June 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sir Francis Younghusband, president of the Royal Geographical society, tonight informed the newspapers that a telegram had been received by the Mount Everest expedition committee in London to the effect that the attempt to scale Mount Everest had ended in disaster, involving the death of two members, George Leigh Mallory and A. C. Ervine.

The expedition, according to Sir Francis, was within a short distance of the summit at a greater height than ever had been reached before. It had experienced great difficulties, forcing its way through tremendous blizzards which lasted for some weeks.

EMERGENCY BOARD TO BE SUMMONED

Call Issued for June 30—Money Needed for Income Tax Department

Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, yesterday issued a call for a meeting of the state emergency board on Monday, June 30, at 10:30 o'clock, the purpose being to provide funds to maintain for the rest of the year the income tax department of the state tax commission.

Of an appropriation of \$25,000 made by the legislature of 1923 for administration of the department, only \$574.20 remains, less than enough to pay the June salaries. It is estimated that \$21,000 will be needed for the remainder of the year, divided as follows: Salaries, \$13,500; traveling expenses, \$4500; postage, printing, supplies, \$1250; counsel, \$1750.

So far, since the department became operative, salaries and ages by months, exclusive of attorneys' salaries and fees, have been as follows: December, two employees, \$193.87; January, 20 employees, \$1098.12; February, 20 employees, \$1414.73; March, 32 employees, \$2704.36; April, 29 employees, \$2314.81; May, 16 employees, \$1593.77.

Three rehabilitated world war veterans who have been with the department since February 1 at government expense, went on the state payroll June 1 at \$125 a month each. This will make the aggregate payroll for June \$1315 for 15 employees.

Up to date the department has filed 66,021 individual returns, 4770 corporation returns, 3991 partnership returns, 163 fiduciary returns and 467 amended and supplemental returns, making a total of 75,402 returns, of which 44,325 are taxable. The sum of \$697,223.05 has been collected and turned over to the state treasurer, and it is estimated that the total yield for the year will be \$1,250,000.

Gleanings From Day's News

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Measure for Beer Defeated States Send McAdoo Fruit

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 20.—Larger towns in the province have defeated a measure proposing the sale of beer by the glass under government control, according to incomplete figures in today's elections received at 9 o'clock tonight.

Sending Fruit

NEW YORK, June 20.—Georgia and California each claims McAdoo as a favorite son. Georgia is his birth state and California as his residence. California, having advertised that its delegation was bringing McAdoo two carloads of fruit for distribution among delegates, the Georgia fruit growers' exchange wired today that its state delegation would take to New York the choice of the first picking of this year's crop of Georgia peaches.

Camp Lewis Crowded CAMP LEWIS, Wash., June 20.

SEND A PHOTO BY NEW RADIO TRANSMITTERS

Belin, Inventor of the Wire Picture Transmission, Perfects Device

PARIS, June 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The first photograph ever transmitted by radio was printed today in the Matin.

The picture was sent by the process of Edouard Belin, the inventor of the method for transmitting pictures and photographs by wire.

M. Belin is filled with confidence that he can send wireless pictures across the Atlantic and an attempt at such transmission between Paris and New York is to be tried within a few weeks by him in cooperation with Matin.

The first wireless picture sent by M. Belin was from Malmaison, a few miles outside of Paris, to the Matin office.

GAS RESULTS IN SENATE DEADLOCK

Rhode Island Legislative Branch Is Stranded By Lack of Quorum

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—The senate ship of state long stranded upon the rocks of deadlock lost more than half its crew today, due to the exploding of a poison gas bomb in the senate chamber yesterday. All those affected had recovered but 21 of the 22 republican members kept away and the democrats hampered by lack of a quorum assembled only to assail their republican colleagues and to recess until Tuesday.

Fifteen republicans were arrested yesterday by High Sheriff Jones to resume their seats at the request of Lieutenant Governor Felix A. Toupin democratic president of the senate.

Today William C. Pelley, chairman of the republican state central committee announced he had advised the republican senators to leave the state to escape "probable violence" in the senate. Charges and counter charges flew thick and fast during the day. Mr. Pelley asserted thugs and gunmen were circulating among senate spectators to the peril of republicans and by the confidence of democrats. Lieutenant Governor Toupin declared from the rostrum that Sheriff Andrews was guilty of treason and of malfeasance in permitting the arrested republicans to leave his custody.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Ten persons were named by the federal grand jury today in an indictment charging them with participation in the holdup near Chicago on June 12 of a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul mail train, by bandits who obtained about \$2,000,000 in currency and securities.

All were indicted on nine counts, based on robbing with a weapon, robbing the mails and conspiracy to rob the mail. Those named are James Murray, Chicago politician; Walter McComb, in whose flat several of the suspects were arrested; Carlo and Ernest Fontano, Chicago gangsters; Max Greenberg, St. Louis, a member of Egan's gang; St. Louis gang; Willis Joe and William Newton, brothers, and Sam Grant Blackie Wilcox, both escaped from a Texas prison. All are in custody, except Greenberg, Grant, Wilcox and Ernest Fontano.

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Rush D. Simmons, chief post office inspector, who arrived here from Washington today to investigate the robbery, said that United States marines may again be assigned to ride the mail trains out of Chicago as was done three years ago after several mail robberies.

"In the old saloon days," he said, "California grapes sold for \$22 to \$25 a ton. Now we get \$85 to \$100 a ton for them as raisins and our annual output has increased to 25,000 tons—about 100,000 cars. That makes me an economical dry."

STORMS, HEAT TAKE A HEAVY TOLL OF LIFE

Twenty Lives Lost and Property Damaged in Thunder-showers and Heat Wave in Middle West

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS TEMPERATURE 101

Santa Rosa Reports Mercury Highest of Year; Pittsburgh Swelters

CHICAGO, June 20.—Storms and heat in the Mississippi and Ohio river valleys during a period of 24 hours ending tonight took a toll of more than 20 lives and caused injuries or prostrations to more than a score of others and property loss estimated at more than \$2,000,000.

Chicago suffered comparatively little from sudden thundershowers which put an end to a heat wave that threatened to equal yesterday's record of 94. The thermometer had climbed to 85 at 3 o'clock when the thunderstorm temporarily put an end to the hot weather. One bathing beach fatality was recorded here.

Northern Illinois and southeastern Wisconsin suffered most from the wind, hail and rain. A storm in Winnebago county, Illinois, caused damage upward of \$1,000,000 and farm property in the vicinity of Racine, Wis., was damaged to half that amount.

Ohio and Michigan late in the day still suffered from the heat however, and 14 deaths were reported in the Buckeye state alone.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—Northern California had its warmest day so far in 1924 today, with temperatures of 101 degrees above zero at Santa Rosa and 100 above officially recorded by the United States weather bureau in Fresno and Red Bluff. At Sacramento and San Jose, 98 was registered. San Francisco had 87, San Luis Obispo 88; Los Angeles 86; and San Diego 72 degrees above zero at their maximums.

PITTSBURGH, June 20.—Four deaths due to heat prostrations, and one death indirectly due to the torrid weather were reported here today. The thermometer registered 91 degrees in the middle of the afternoon.

TEN ARE INDICTED BY FEDERAL JURY

Charges of Participation in Mail Hold-Up Laid Against Bandits

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AL SMITH SAYS BOURBONS WILL NOMINATE HIM

New York Governor Does Not Think Any Dark Horse Is in the Running

NEW YORK, June 20.—After a day spent in greeting delegates from 17 states, Governor Alfred E. Smith tonight was so certain of the democratic presidential nomination that he refused to discuss dark horses or second choice candidates.

"There are no such things," he declared. "I believe I'll be nominated. I am convinced that when the convention gets through paying its compliments to favorite sons, it will get down to figuring who could most assuredly win the race to the White House."

Mayor Devor of Chicago was among the visitors at the Smith headquarters today, and although the mayor is credited with having dried up Chicago, it was unofficially announced that he is supporting the Smith candidacy.

Governor Smith announced today that Franklin D. Roosevelt had been tentatively chosen to place him in nomination.

The governor had an engagement tonight with Thomas Taggart, democratic leader of Indiana. He said he would confer with William Jennings Bryan if Mr. Bryan indicated a desire to call on him.

RATE HEARING LIMITED AGAIN

F. M. Weaver, Examiner for the ICC Reverses His Decision Once More

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 20.—Reversing his decision of yesterday in which he ruled that class and commodity rates would also be included in the present hearing, F. M. Weaver, examiner for the interstate commerce commission, declared today that only rates applying to grain, grain products, hay and livestock would be considered in the present case in which wheat growers of the section south of the Snake river and Puget sound shipping interests are endeavoring to have abolished the ten per cent differential in rates which Portland now enjoys from this district.

Testimony given to date applying to class and commodity rates was ordered stricken. The broadening of the scope of the case, due to the introduction yesterday of class and commodity testimony would have brought in many things not thought necessary at this time, it was stated. If a parity is reestablished on grain it is possible that Seattle and Tacoma may try to have the other rates changed also, it was intimated by counsel for interests in those cities.

Somewhat different conditions may apply to the two cases, it was asserted. Efforts made at adjournment time this afternoon for a night session failed when attorneys declared they were too exhausted to appear at the additional session and now there is every prospect that the case will continue into next week. It was held that only a remote possibility exists of closing testimony tomorrow.

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REPORT OF LOGAN COMMITTEE READY

Findings to Be Presented at Meeting of Outside Growers Monday Eve

There will be a meeting of the outside loganberry growers at the Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

The committee will be ready to report. They have found an outlet for a lot of berries today, tomorrow and Monday; part of them going to the Northwest canary.

They expect to have further arrangements, for canning and drying, to report at the meeting Monday evening. They are in touch with parties who will help them to handle the situation and keep loganberries in this district from going to waste.

TWO BATTLES EXPECTED BY PARTY CHIEFS

Stiffening Rivalry Between Smith and McAdoo and Fight Over Anti-Klan Plank Forecasted

BITTER STRUGGLE OVER VOTE RULE MAY ENSUE

Partisans of Favorite Sons Said to Be Looking for Voting Deadlock

NEW YORK, June 20.—With their lesser disagreements almost forgotten, the chieftains of the democratic party are preparing for two momentous political battles in the opening phase of the national convention which begins Tuesday in Madison Square Garden.

One of them will result from the stiffening rivalry between William G. McAdoo and Alfred E. Smith for the nomination for the presidency. The other is fast developing around the proposal to condemn openly the Ku Klux Klan in the party platform.

To these may be added a third struggle that will make political history—a sharp and bitter skirmish over retention of the long standing rule requiring a two-thirds vote of the delegates to nominate.

Should McAdoo and Smith both be forced out of the running after a prolonged deadlock, there will come another spirited fight over selection for a compromise candidate but for the moment only the partisans of the favorite sons and dark horses are looking that far into the future.

The McAdoo men with their candidate in their midst are assembling every resource to augment their forces to a point that will insure a nomination but they also are cementing together a reserve that will stand to the last, if necessary against the selection of any other whose policies are not to their liking.

Similarly the supporters of Governor Smith, realizing that McAdoo will have the largest vote among the many to enter the running on the first ballot are working night and day to align a bloc of delegates large enough and cohesive enough to exercise a definite veto against selection of the former treasury secretary as the standard bearer of his party. To these two movements all of the maneuverings of the dozen or so of other active aspirants are subordinated and they appear likely to remain so until the balloting is well under way. Then if the McAdoo-Smith duel results in a draw, other candidates may get the ear of the great body of delegates.

Outward appearances today showed little change in the lineup of the delegates who are consolidating their respective forces about McAdoo and Smith. The McAdoo managers held to their claim of more than a majority of the 1,098 delegates on the first ballot, with a steady increase thereafter. Those who spoke for Governor Smith were less definite but it generally was conceded that the governor would run a good second on the early roll call. The supporters of Senator Underwood, John W. Davis, James M. Cox, Senator Ralston and others all professed to see their respective

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

The Sunday school picnic at the state fair grounds today will begin with a parade starting at Marion park. It is desired that all possible get in that parade. It shows the right spirit.

The main speaker of the day will be B. F. Irvine of the Oregon Journal, a forcible speaker with a real message to the Sunday school workers. The Sunday school movement is one that commends itself to Christian people everywhere. It is the feeding ground of the church. This parade and the subsequent picnic is an opportunity to show your colors and stand with the Sunday school people in the great work now being done in Marion county. It is time yet after reading this to decorate your car and get in the parade or get in without if being decorated, anyway. Just so you get in. Remember the hour of the parade, 10 o'clock.