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MEXICANS RAIL AT BORDER BAN

Early Closing Order at American Border Results in Protest Meeting

ACTION TO BE TAKEN UP

Matter Referred to Mexico City; Custom Officials Are Jeered; Night Houses Keep Forces

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 18.—

(By Associated Press.)—Tijuana's business men, meeting in mass meeting to discuss the most recent developments of the Petest tragedy, resolved this afternoon to take every possible means to keep business going as usual in the Mexican resort, widely advertised as the result of that tragedy. Speakers announced that several steps had been taken to keep that business going. At the same time there were rumors, not discussed by officials, that the Mexican officials were likely to take some steps soon in retaliation for the early closing order put into effect last night by the American authorities at the boundary line. It was hinted that these measures would be put into effect tomorrow, but that nothing could be done until confirmation came from Mexico City. It was announced that the situation had been reported to the Mexican capital.

At the mass meeting held in an outdoor prize fight arena, several large employers of labor at Tijuana said that they would keep their full forces of men working in restaurants and other places in hope that the early closing order, which practically stops all night trade among Americans at the resort, would be changed. Representatives of American labor organizations said they would do what they could to help, and Mexicans representing lumber, oil, mining and agricultural interests said they would frame an appeal for a change in the order.

About 200 Mexicans attended the meeting. Two more saloons were closed today in accordance with the cleanup order issued by the Mexican authorities after the tragedy. A resort in which there had been a large number of women was also closed and padlocked.

After the races at the Tijuana track closed late this afternoon a crowd of men said to include some of the stable hands and employees of the barns went down to the gate and jeered the American customs and immigration officers on duty there. The Mexican officers soon dispersed the crowd and sent its members away from the line.

MINE WAR THREATENS?

UNION MEN PROTEST WORK IN ILLINOIS FIELDS

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Local authorities have been informed by a motorcycle scout that he understands one hundred automobiles carrying union sympathizers from the Illinois mining fields were en route to Evansville early today to prevent non-union men from operating mines in this city. Captain Harry Freer, in charge of the Evansville police at night, said the scout had received authentic information that the machines passed through Carmi, Ill., a short time ago. Carmi is 50 miles from Evansville.

STAGE "SPANKING BEE"

18 GRADE CHILDREN FEEL PALM OF AUTHORITY

BISBEE, Ariz., Feb. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Eighteen students from the seventh and eighth grades of Bisbee public schools today underwent the parental palm and the pedagogic paddle in a wholesome "spanking bee" staged as an example to children in the primary schools. The 18 were ring leaders in a general exodus from school several days ago. Staggered by the magnitude of the spanking task that confronted them, the teachers sent out an SOS call to parents, who, in many instances, responded gladly.

Witches Put On Tickets as Drive for Meet Opens

Salem Business Men Pledge Support in Selling \$1 Tickets to Citizens When Students Have Led the Way by Buying Admission Cards

A campaign to raise the \$1500 necessary to carry through the cross continent debate with the high school of Salem, Massachusetts, will be launched Tuesday, it was announced yesterday by Homer C. Richards, one of the members of the debate squad.

A committee composed of Paul Wallace, Ed Schunke, Fred Thielsen, Max Page, T. M. Hicks and George Arbuckle yesterday announced plans to back up the high school in their campaign. They have arranged to sell tickets to the debate in this city at \$1 each.

The debate will be held, according to tentative plans, in the new Elsinore theater, under construction on High street between State and Ferry streets. Date of the debate is May 7.

At the same hour of the evening the local high school negative team from the eastern Salem will meet the local team here.

Although reports seem to give various subjects for debate, Homer Richards declares that the question agreed upon by the two schools is "Resolved, That the Child Labor Amendment to the Constitution Should Be Adopted." Because of the difference in time between the Pacific coast and the Atlantic coast, the Massachusetts end of the debate will have been finished fully an hour before the debate here is started. Consequently the debate to be held here will really be the deciding contest.

Five hundred tickets at 50 cents each have been printed to sell to the high school students, as proof that the student body is behind the debate. A meeting of the student body will be called Tuesday morning. Several business men and one or two of the students will tell briefly why the students should support the debate. The drive in town will start Tuesday afternoon.

The national Forensic League, sponsored by Ripon College of Ripon, Wis., has asked Salem high school to become a member, because of the excellent work shown in debate this year. Coach Horning is now filling out the application for a charter and it is expected the local school will join the league before the end of March. Grants Pass high and Eugene are the only other two

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POSTURE TEST SHOWS HEALTH

Students Needing Individual Aid Cut From 27 to 15.1 Percent

GIRLS AVERAGE HIGHEST

Out of 1,013 Only 133 Need Individual Attention Physical Education Director Finds

Definite improvements in posture of pupils in the elementary schools of Salem—important because of the direct connection between good posture and good health—is shown in the posture examination, taken during December and January, with results tabulated by Grace Snook, director of physical education in the Salem public schools.

When the first check of the school year was compiled, covering the time from the first day of school to the last day of November it was found that out of 2,038 pupils in grades one to six inclusive, 551 needed individual posture training. Thus, 27 percent of the pupils were found deficient in posture.

On the first day of February there were 2,041 pupils in the elementary school in the first six grades. Of this number only 309 pupils were found to need further individual attention in posture training. This shows but 15.1 percent of the pupils to be deficient or an improvement over the November

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RURAL MEETING CALLED

STRAWBERRY PROBLEMS TO BE TALKED AT CHAMBER

Members of the rural department of the Salem Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday evening, February 24, according to announcement made yesterday. The meeting, which will start at 8 o'clock, will be held in the auditorium of the chamber.

Prof. C. L. Long, horticultural specialist of O. A. C., will be the principal speaker of the evening. Cherries will be the main topic of discussion. Spraying of the cherry trees is one of the problems upon which Prof. Long will speak.

Cherry growers will also discuss the California embargo on some of the Oregon fresh cherries. Growers present will have the privilege of asking questions.

ZERO WEATHER HITS MID WEST

Trains Blocked, Wires Down as Middle West Is Buried in Snow Storm

2 ARE KILLED BY COLD

Blizzard Sweeps Across Central States and Continues Unabated; Lightning Feature of Storm

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The middle west tonight was digging itself out of probably the heaviest snowfall of the winter which was left in the wake of a blizzard that swept across half a dozen central states last night and today.

Although the worst of the snow and wind had passed the storm, weather bureau reports indicated, would be followed by much colder weather, with near zero temperatures expected for some sections.

The storm caused at least two deaths, stopped air mail service for a time, blocked roads, delayed trains and hindered wire communications throughout the area affected. One of the deaths was a woman who was buried in snow in Chicago, where a man died of exposure.

The snow was general in northwestern Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, eastern Kansas, southwestern Nebraska and northern Illinois. Tonight it was moving northeastward. Flashes of lightning and muffled peals of thunder were features of the storm in Kansas and at some points in Iowa.

While the snow did considerable damage, Kansas farmers were undismayed because they said it would help the wheat crop, many points reported six inches of snow for the 24 hours and in some sections it was much heavier.

ROOF FALLS; MANY DIE

SEVERAL HUNDRED WORSHIPERS BURIED IN CHURCH

VIENNA, Feb. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—The roof of a church in the Croatian village of Marovican Jibe fell upon the congregation during a service tonight, burying several hundred persons, says a dispatch to the Allgemeine Zeitung from Agram. Almost immediately the walls crashed inward.

As yet it has been impossible to determine the number of dead or injured, but it is feared it will prove large.

Politicians Angle for Credit for Coal Peace

Settlement of Anthracite Strike Brings Many Candidates for Honor of Having Suggested Plan; Non-Politician Is Given Credit by Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Who settled the anthracite coal strike? President Coolidge? James J. Davis, secretary of labor? Gifford Pinchot, governor of Pennsylvania? Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York? John L. Lewis, international president of miners' union? Richard F. Grant? The public?

The question is one of political importance. All of those named with the possible exception of Mr. Grant, would like to have the credit, and he is the only one who isn't in politics.

Settlement of the hard coal strike presents an anomalous situation in the national administration.

President Coolidge is quoted as saying the agreement to resume mining was brought about without his intervention, but Secretary of Labor James J. Davis declares that the terms of the settlement were prepared at his department and that he personally held a series of secret meetings with the miners and operators.

Some of Davis' closest friends associates aver President Coolidge was kept constantly advised of the progress of the negotiations.

The strange situation is thereby presented of the chief executive claiming no credit for the termination of the strike, admitting only that representatives of the department of labor kept in close touch and advised Secretary Davis of what was going on while the cabinet member himself has given a detailed account to his friends of the part he played in the conferences leading up to the settlement.

Simultaneously with the settlement, some Republican papers in Pennsylvania suggested Mr. Davis as a G. O. P. nominee for governor of that state, and an effort was made to show that he had helped to bring about a settlement of the

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QUAKE HITS CALIFORNIA

SOUTHERN COAST IS ROCKED BY SHARP TREMBOR

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—The coast area of southern California from Santa Barbara south to Los Angeles was gently swayed at 10:18 o'clock this morning by an earthquake of the rolling variety which apparently centered 12 miles inland from Ventura.

The quake varied in intensity from a sharp tremble at Santa Barbara to a light roll at Los Angeles. No damage of any nature could be confirmed on re-checking tonight. Early reports stated that minor damage had been done at the Southern California Edison company's plant at Satco, but company officials after check declared the shock was very light at that point and no damage resulted.

At Santa Barbara clocks were reported stopped and school sessions halted temporarily when the children marched from the buildings. A survey later revealed no damage.

FIND RIVER JELLY FISH

FRESH WATER VARIETY IS FOUND IN OREGON STREAM

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—A fresh water jelly fish has been discovered for the first time on the Pacific coast by Dr. L. E. Griffin and his assistants at Reed college here, the professor announced.

The fresh water varieties of this animal have formerly been found in Philadelphia and Europe but none on the Pacific coast previously. The specimens found here were obtained from rocks in a stream running through the East Moreland golf links.

This jelly fish was watched as it changed its hydroid form to the detached jelly fish. Dr. Griffin and Dr. Milo Claire, his assistant watched the hydroids make the transformation.

PLAN IOOF ENCAMPMENT

1200 VISITORS EXPECTED IN MAY FOR CONFERENCE

Plans preparatory to the reception of 1200 for the IOOF Grand Lodge of Oregon gathering from May 24 to 27, were laid last night when committees met and tasks were assigned. Fully 75 members of various committees were present.

In May the Grand Encampment, Subordinate Encampment and Rebekahs will gather in Salem, taxing the city's hall capacity. The next committee, when reports will be presented, is set for March 4.

CONVICTS WILL PAY RIOT BILL

Damages to Dining Room to Be Paid From Prisoners' Amusement Fund

INVESTIGATION IS HELD

Three More Convicts Are Dressed in Stripes and Sent to Bull Pen for Leading Disturbance

There is an old adage to the effect that "you can't get something for nothing," and that he who dances can look forward with a fair degree of certainty to receiving a bill from the fiddler on the first of the month. These things are so deeply ingrained in us that we come to look upon them as a matter of course. And this, perhaps, is as it should be. Doubtless it lends a more keen enjoyment to the entertainment.

Warden J. W. Little of the state prison believes in adages, as he believes in all tried and true propositions. That's why he has issued an order yesterday declaring that the damage to the dining room equipment, resulting from the riot involving approximately 200 convicts in the penitentiary here Tuesday night, will be paid out of the prisoners' entertainment fund.

Working on the theory that the convicts enjoyed themselves, although nine of them were punctured by bullets, the warden's decision comes as a bit of satire. "It wouldn't be fair for the state to pay the damage," Warden Little said. "The convicts started the riot, they deliberately attempted to assault five unarmed guards. And in the space of four minutes, before armed men could be rushed in through the gates, the damage had been done. It's only right that they should pay for anything broken in the riot."

It will require approximately \$100 to pay for the repairing of the tables, chairs and other broken equipment and to replace the wroken dishes. Most of the money in the prisoners' entertainment fund was derived from the Follies of 1925, the annual penitentiary show staged in the prison auditorium last month. Ordinarily the fund is used to purchase baseball equipment and material for the stage.

Three more convicts were assigned to indeterminate terms in the bull pen yesterday after being identified as having taken part in the uprising. The official investigation which started Wednesday is being continued with a view of punishing all the leaders. Three

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DISPLAY WEEK PLANNED

ARMORY AND STREET DANCE TO FEATURE OPENING

A dance will be held at the Salem Armory Tuesday evening, March 16, as one of the opening features of the first annual Spring Display week sponsored by the Salem Ad Club. It was decided at the meeting of the club yesterday noon. There will be no charge for admittance to the dance.

A band will also be engaged to play on the street corners on the night of the grand opening. Plans are now being laid to have an automobile show in the streets. It is probable a section of some street will be roped off for the occasion.

Window cards announcing the display week are already appearing in several of the show windows in the city. The merchants, it is reported, are cooperating enthusiastically with the Ad club to make the week a success.

Who's Who

Salem Public Schools

BENJAMIN HAMMER

Bennie Hammer, teacher of the first grade at Englewood grammar school. Five years in Salem school system. Miss Hammer's teaching experience. Graduate state normal school. Left Oregon school at higher pay to be in Salem. Considered one of the best first grade teachers in Salem.

