

KEAR PROPOSES SALARY CUT AT STATE COLLEGE

Recommendation is to be Made at Higher Board Meeting Monday

Only Hope of Needed Saving President Asserts in Announcement

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 20 (AP)—Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of Oregon State college, announced today he would make a definite recommendation for a uniform reduction of salaries of instructors at Oregon State college when the state board of higher education meets in Portland Monday.

The decision to make such a recommendation, President Kerr said, was reached after a review of all other possible savings revealed that it was impossible otherwise to meet the necessary reductions in expenditures without stripping instructional work of its major functions and discontinuing vital services in the experimental station and extension service.

Faced with this alternative, President Kerr said, faculty members had expressed a willingness to take a salary cut rather than to throw out whole departments or cripple the state service by trying to meet reductions made necessary by the referendum on the legislative appropriation for the institutions of higher education.

Reductions had already been made wherever possible by elimination of courses, increasing teaching loads, combining classes, discontinuing non-essential appointments and eliminating virtually all equipment and improvement budgets.

The college administration has regarded salary reductions as a last resort as the faculty of a college is its greatest asset," President Kerr said in commenting on.

SECOND VICTIM OF TRUCK CRASH DIES

George D. Burdick, who was injured in an automobile collision at Tangent last Tuesday in which Frank E. Ferguson of Salem was killed, died in the Albany hospital Saturday from the injuries received in the accident. The body will be brought to the Clough-Barriek parlors here and held awaiting word from relatives in the east.

Burdick was a passenger with Ferguson who was driving from Salem to Shedd, taking Burdick back home. Their car was side-swiped by a truck driven by J. D. Leslie of Eugene. Ferguson was killed instantly, and now Burdick is the second victim of the tragic accident.

Mr. Burdick was a native of New York and was about 75 years old. He had lived in Salem for a great many years, being in the livestock business. His wife died several years ago. They had no children. He had a sister, Mrs. Nettie M. Frier, Warsaw, N. Y., and two brothers, A. S. Burdick, Kent, Ohio, and W. H. Burdick, Smithport, Penn.

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DEADLOCKED 48 HOURS
PORTLAND, Ore., June 20 (AP)—Unable to agree after 53 hours of deliberation, the jury which heard the testimony in the case of Albert D. Gilbert, 68, charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of John W. Bevis, superintendent of the Inman-Poulsen mill, was discharged tonight.

The deadlock stood 11 for conviction on the first degree charge but one juror wavered between possible verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity and guilty of second degree murder.

George Mowry, chief criminal deputy district attorney, said the case would be set for retrial on the July calendar.

Bevis died of a pistol bullet wound last February 23. Gilbert admitted the shooting.

EXPLORE BATTLEFIELD
CAMP CLATSOP, Ore., June 20 (AP)—Several children narrowly escaped serious injury or death here today in the belated explosion of a mine.

A group of boys remained on the field until virtually all the spectators had been removed then they began exploring the sand dunes over which the attacking infantry had swept earlier in the afternoon.

Suddenly there was a terrific roar and those who had remained behind saw the children disappear in a cloud of smoke and sand. Guards and spectators rushed to the scene but their assistance was not needed. None of the children was hurt.

Roseburg Ready with Hot Answer to Claim Advanced by Eugene

'Misrepresentation and Misstatement of Facts' Asserted; Site Never Rejected Says Former Legion Commander

ROSEBURG, Ore., June 20 (AP)—The Roseburg chamber of commerce, in mass meeting here last night took vigorous exception to alleged "misrepresentation and misstatement of facts" by T. O. Russell, Eugene engineer, in connection with the northwest National Soldiers' home site controversy.

METHODISTS WILL OPEN CONFERENCE

Only one Pastorate Change Here Likely as Bishop Shifts Ministers

But one change in the four Methodist pastorates here is known to be at hand with convening of the annual conference of that church in Eugene next Tuesday, and lasting through Sunday when appointments will be read.

By entirely friendly agreement on the part of both congregation and pastor, Rev. Meredith Groves will terminate his three-year service at the Ford Memorial Community M. E. church in West Salem Sunday.

Rev. B. Earle Parker of the First church and Rev. Hugh B. Fouke Jr. of Jason Lee are each finishing the first year of their pastorate here, and it is considered highly unlikely that any change will be made for them.

The only other possible change would be at the Leslie Memorial church, where Rev. S. Darlow Johnson has been pastor for about four years. There are no indications from that church that any change is contemplated, despite the fact that Rev. Johnson is one of the oldest pastors in the city in point of service.

Besides conference appointments, the ministers are said to be developing considerable interest in the coming of delegates to the national conference in Atlantic City in May. Oregon will send four pastors and four lay delegates. No Salem minister or member has put in a strong bid for his honor, so far as is now evident.

Fall Leaves to Enter Hospital

EL PASO, Tex., June 20 (AP)—Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, left his home here at 4 p. m., today to enter the William Beaumont government hospital to be examined by army doctors. He was accompanied by his daughters, Mrs. C. C. Chase and Mrs. J. J. Elliott, and his secretary, Dr. H. T. Stafford.

Mrs. Fall was near collapse. She was treated at her home before Mr. Fall left. She did not accompany him.

Gilbert Jury Dismissed Mine Blast Perils Boys

Roseburg Still Backed Grain Center is Moved

ASTORIA, Ore., June 20 (AP)—Congressman W. C. Hawley, who visited Astoria today, had no objection to making a resolution adopted at Ilwaco Friday night by the Lower Columbia Associated Chambers of Commerce in which the federal government was called upon to consider the entire area within a radius of 200 miles of Portland in selecting a site for the proposed branch of the national soldiers' home.

Hawley did say, however, that he had taken a stand for Roseburg in the beginning of the controversy and that he intended to defend his original stand.

NOW IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., June 20 (AP)—Headquarters of the Farmers' National Grain corporation, Pacific coast division, were moved from Pendleton to Portland today.

The corporation is composed of grain co-operatives in all sections of the county. It was founded by the federal farm board under authority of the agricultural marketing act. It maintains its own elevators and warehouses and in the Pacific northwest alone has facilities for handling at least 10,000,000 bushels of grain at one time.

Henry W. Collins, vice president of the corporation, is manager of the Pacific coast division. Edgar W. Smith is assistant manager and Lyman G. Rice, treasurer.

GANGSTERS IN NORTHWEST IS SEATTLE WORD

Machine Guns, Trucks and Boats all on Hand, P.-I. Declares

Trying to Muscle in Upon Liquor Business Says One Bootlegger

SEATTLE, June 20 (AP)—The Post-Intelligencer says an investigation by Sheriff Claude G. Bannick, made by his assistants, has revealed that the "Bugs" Moran gang of Chicago is now organized along the Pacific coast in an attempt to gain control of the illicit liquor business.

With the organization beginning operations, the paper says, they are facing their first opposition from a Canadian liquor ring that has previously been the ruling outfit.

The information came from Sheriff Bannick himself, the paper says, who admitted today that a local bootlegger claimed to have been "put on the spot" by invading gunmen and had appealed to the authorities for protection.

The investigation was reported to have been made by Chief of Police Detectives R. A. J. Allingham and his assistant, William H. Sears.

Their work revealed among other things, the paper adds, that the Moran men well equipped with trucks, ships and machine guns, have been running their stuff north from San Francisco to Portland and Seattle in stages which are duplicates of ones engaged in regular passenger business.

SHRINERS VISITORS HERE ON SATURDAY

Parade, Dining and Dancing Mark Gathering Here of Al Kader Host

One hundred and fifty Shriners from Portland as well as many from Salem and surrounding cities, made Salem their headquarters last night and had a joyous time of it before midnight marks the time of the departure for the special train which brought the Portland members of Al Kader temple to the capital city.

Fun, parades, dining and dancing featured the visit but the humanitarian work of the organization was not forgotten. Instructive pictures of cases of boys and girls successfully treated at the Shrine hospital in Portland were shown to an interested audience at the armory preceding the dancing to which all members of the Masonic orders in Salem were invited guests.

Two hundred and seventy-five Shriners and their wives attended the dinner at the Marion hotel, Rajah Harry Levy of the Salem Shriners having charge of arrangements. He introduced illustrious Potomac E. N. Strong of the Potomac temple, Strong called upon Salem members of the order.

No accidents were reported. Approximately 30,000 people saw the demonstration.

Silverton Will Send Searchers For Gruntmann

SILVERTON, June 20.—Silverton citizens were organizing a posse today to start search Sunday for Hermann Gruntmann, 23, who disappeared two weeks ago from his uncle's ranch near here.

The youth was said to have been dependent on his uncle's farm, which he had contracted to buy, and it was feared he may have killed himself.

Orion Nebulae Is Not Exactly Close Neighbor

PASADENA, Cal., June 20.—(AP)—Robert J. Trumpler of Lick observatory, Cal., told the astronomical society of the Pacific today that the Orion Nebulae is three times as far from the earth as textbooks say. His measurements show it to be 100,000,000,000,000 miles distant, that is, 1,500 light years.

On the basis of this newly determined distance, Astronomer Trumpler estimates the size of the Nebulae to be 150,000,000,000,000 miles across; just one of the smaller of the diffuse Nebulae of the Milky way.

ASSERTS HARTLEY IN ON WILD PARTY

YAKIMA, Wash., June 20.—(AP)—Rev. Charles McCaughey, Tacoma, charged at a meeting of ministers of the northwest Methodist conference today that Governor Hartley had participated in a party at Olympia during the legislative session which led to the arrest of several men on liquor charges.

Rev. McCaughey addressed a group of Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane clergymen who were preparing a resolution condemning the governor for not removing Roscoe Balch, Spokane, from the University of Washington board of regents.

The resolution, which also demanded Balch's immediate removal, was unanimously adopted later by 1184 pastors, lay delegates and members of the conference.

Hoover Asks Suspension of All Inter-Government Debt

ENTHUSIASM IS GENERAL TREND OF ACCEPTANCE

Move Viewed as Tonic for Economic Ailments of The Entire World

Stock Markets, Exchange go Up, Markets for More Produce Forecast

By EDWARD J. DUFFY
WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—The United States proposal for a year's suspension of inter-governmental payments went forth tonight to a world already made joyful by the prospect of a tonic for its economic ailments from this side of the Atlantic.

Ever since word yesterday that President Hoover was conferring with prominent republicans and democrats in congress on the delicate situation of international finance, the announcement of his plan had been awaited eagerly.

After the first surge of enthusiasm, it was soon apparent that a new confidence was threading its way into the restlessness which of late has been a disturbing factor in international affairs.

Not for many a day has there been such a distinct change in the diplomatic and financial atmosphere overnight. Where early yesterday the doubts and questions that had seemingly become taken for granted persisted, a fresh hope now is discernible.

Germany's Buying Power Increased
There is yet no telling, of course, as to the full effect of the president's forthcoming plan (Turn to page 3, col. 6)

Ruth Deluged With Offers To Go Along

NEW YORK, June 20.—(AP)—If Ruth Nichols took the advice her mail box gives her, she never would fly to Europe alone. In fact, with the added weight of all the passengers who want to ride to fame with her over the Lindbergh route, she'd never get there.

Whatever the steamship companies may say, there are a lot of women who want to go to Europe this summer, but their travel eyes are turned skyward. One of them writing to Miss Nichols, asking Nichols not to consider taking a side across the Atlantic, argues that if it would be a novelty for one woman to make such a flight, how much more notable for two.

Nor are the men holding back. A lot of them want to go too. But Miss Nichols won't consider taking a companion. If she is successful—and Colonel Clarence Chamberlin, who knows a thing or two about trans-Atlantic flights, says she has a 95 per cent chance—she'll put on women's side of the aviation ledger the same shining mark Lindbergh wrote for the men.

Three Longest Days Are Here; Sun Does Best

PORTLAND, Ore., June 20.—(AP)—Although June 21 is generally regarded as the longest day of the year, the total possible sunshine for western Oregon for Friday, today and Sunday is equal, the government weather bureau here announced.

The sun will not stop its southward movement until 1.28 a. m., Monday and the sunshine period for June 19, 20 and 21 is 15 hours and 48 minutes, table worked out over a long period of time showed.

In most parts of Oregon the sun took advantage of the full 15 hours and 48 minutes today.

Deserts Spouse While She's in Dentist's Chair
LOS ANGELES, June 20.—(AP)—"And, judge," Mrs. Francis L. Keen told Judge G. F. Bush in divorce court today, "he deserted me at the dentist's chair."

Stricken Europe Has New Birth of Hope as Hoover Move is Told

Official Comment Lacking but General Feeling One of Approval Both in German and Creditor Nations Abroad

LONDON, June 20.—(AP)—President Hoover's announcement that America was considering stretching a helping hand to Europe in her economic extremity was looked upon by England tonight as having much of the significance of the entry of the United States into the war.

M'NARY APPROVES HOOVER'S ACTION

Was in Communication With President Saturday; Would not Cancel

Senator Charles L. McNary, reached last night at his summer home, indicated a year's moratorium on Europe's debts to us accompanied by a similar moratorium on Germany's reparations debts to the allies, met with his approval. He said he had been in communication with the president at Washington during the day in regard to the matter.

"I'm distinctly against cancellation of the war debts," the senator declared. "The forgiveness of the debts for a year's period would be a good thing, especially in aiding Germany to get back on her feet and to revive her spirits."

The senator added that the United States had been very liberal in the reduction of the war debts of the allies to us and any further reduction would simply fall on American taxpayers. He suggested that reduction of armaments in Europe would be of material assistance in permitting those nations to meet their financial responsibilities.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PLANS TAKE SHAPE

Arrangements for July 4 celebration at the state fair grounds which the American Legion post is preparing are fast being completed. Tom Delaney is general chairman and proposed a line of amusements and sectional events to interest the public from all over the countryside.

Good response has been received by the committees who are working, and a good crowd is expected. Proceeds of the show are to provide uniforms for the drum corps.

One of the novelties is a "12-hour walkathon" which will be staged in agricultural hall. Fred Jeannot, who presents this feature, put it on at the recent district convention at Rockaway and its success there led to its being engaged for the Salem celebration.

Fixed, Definite Policy Need of Flax Industry

Editor's Note—This third article of the series on Oregon's flax industry concerns chiefly the need of definite goals and apparently the industry was making money, Col. W. B. Bartram talked of the time when flax would support the penitentiary, making it unnecessary for the state to appropriate anything for the care of recalcitrants.

When the market flopped and the auditors got busy, the late Tom Kay pointed to the fact that hundreds of prisoners had been kept busy—and out of mischief—working with flax. Similarly the high-ears returns to farmers were pointed out in justification of flax losses as well as the development of new industries in Salem.

The first policy which must be determined is this: For whom do the flax industry exist? Is it (1) primarily to afford needed employment for prisoners? Is it (2) to develop a new, profitable crop for Oregon farmers? (3) Is flax to be the basis primarily for adding industries to the state?

(4) Or is it to do all these things insofar as practicable but above all else, is the industry to be self-supporting and its future entirely dependent on keeping red ink off the state's ledgers?

Thus far the industry has found cover behind all four of

POSTPONEMENT FOR ONE YEAR IS SUGGESTED

U. S. Action Contingent on Similar Move by all Creditor Nations

Expected to aid Debtors in Restoration, Build up World Good Will

By F. M. STEPHENSON
WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—President Hoover tonight announced an offer to the world for a one-year's suspension of all inter-governmental debts.

"The American government proposes," announced the president, "to suspend during one year of all payments on inter-governmental debts, reparations and relief debts, both principal and interest, of course not including obligations of governments held by private parties."

The announcement was given at the White House after receipt of informal reports from the European governments and there is a confidence at the capital that France, Great Britain and the other allies will join in the move and forego collection of their reparations from Germany. Unless that occurs congressional approval of the proposal is not expected.

Mr. Hoover coupled with his announcement a hope that by this expression of "desire to assist," America will have contributed to the success of the forthcoming land disarmament conference in Europe. He reiterated "The burden of competitive armaments has contributed to bring about this depression."

The step to aid in avoiding an European financial crisis was taken only after the president had consulted with all congressional leaders whom he could reach. He announced that 21 senators and 18 representatives, including both republicans and democrats, had approved the proposal.

By this action, America will forego collection next year of (Turn to page 3, col. 4)

FRANCE FAVORABLE TO DEBT VACATION

PARIS, June 20.—(AP)—The new position taken by President Hoover in regard to the world debt problem which is interpreted here as meaning a possible change in American policy on war debts and reparations, dominates the news tonight.

Cables from Washington and American comment are prominently displayed in all the newspapers.

Discussion of the president's move has thus far been reserved, especially in official circles pending arrival of more explicit information from Washington, but the step Mr. Hoover has taken is generally looked upon as a courageous departure.

It is taken for granted that the American president acted on information regarding Germany's financial condition which he considered sufficiently serious to merit a change in attitude by the United States.

This is believed to be a most natural consequence of the visit of Chancellor Bruening and Foreign Minister Curtius of Germany to London. Little criticism is offered because the United States apparently has singled out Germany's troubles as a reason for its changed viewpoint. The newspapers' information, however, expresses the belief that American action will not have a psychological effect on the economic depression.

Dawes Asserts Hoover's Plan To Help World

CHICAGO, June 20.—(AP)—Ambassador Charles G. Dawes tonight issued the following statement on President Hoover's plan for a one-year's suspension of all inter-governmental debts: "President Hoover's proposal, made as it was in consultation with leaders of both political parties, represents a united American position. It is an augury of improved conditions here and abroad. I deem it wise and helpful in every way."

TRUCK CRASH FATAL
UTICA, N. Y., June 20.—(AP)—Eighteen Utica boys were injured, one fatally, when a Y. M. C. A. truck, carrying a group of campers crashed into a tree near here today.