

MEIER SAYS HE CAN NOT GRANT DEBT VACATION

Washington-Yamhill County Delegation Heard but Nothing Promised

Governor Feels Situation Can be met Through Private Effort

Governor Julius L. Meier yesterday told a delegation of Oregon farmers that as far as he knew the executive of Oregon had no authority to grant a moratorium on private debts and urged that each man attack the problem of his financial problem as an individual one and work it out. The farmers, about 20 in number, urged that some action be taken toward an official moratorium that would stay the foreclosure of farm mortgages by the federal land banks and the larger loan companies.

The delegation represented the Chehalis center community where several mass meetings were held recently and the question of a debt moratorium discussed.

"There is not a man or woman in this delegation who would ignore an honest obligation," H. H. George of Newberg told Governor Meier. "What the farmers of Oregon need at the present time is a breathing spell. We have a capacity for work, but our earning power has dwindled until we are no longer able to meet our interest obligations and save our homes. Many farmers are facing eviction and there is an increasing fear that we will not be able to carry on."

Thinks Statement Would Have Effect

C. A. Kelly, also of Newberg, declared that while he realized that the governor probably has no authority to order a moratorium of private debt, he thought a public statement urging leniency on the part of the federal land banks and loan companies might have a beneficial effect. Kelly said the condition of the farmer was serious, and that many of the more stable agricultural products were being sold at prices less than the cost of production.

"The dollar is not the only thing to be considered in a time of depression," H. J. Correll said. "We must think of our wives and children and a higher and better social order. At the present time the farmers are at the mercy of the loan companies, and a wholesale foreclosure of mortgages would result disastrously to the business and financial structure of the country."

Mr. Correll urged a definite statement on the part of Governor Meier as to whether he favored a mass moratorium in the interest of the farmer.

Meier Declares

Others Suffering
Governor Meier replied that while he was in sympathy with the farmer he could not make any definite answer without familiarizing himself with the legal aspects of such a measure.

"The farmers are not the only persons who are suffering from the effects of the financial depression," Governor Meier said. "The merchants are not making any money and an army of laborers are unemployed. It is my opinion that every man will have to work out his own problems. I owe some money as do thousands of other persons engaged in business."

Governor Meier declared that while conditions might get a little worse where he lived, he was hopeful that the country would be on the road to prosperity within another year.

"We have experienced other

Young Chemist Is Paid Honors



Dr. Linus Pauling, 30, of the California Institute of Technology, who has been awarded the Langmuir prize of the American Chemical Society as the outstanding young chemist of the nation. The honor awarded him is of special interest in Salem because he was married here nine years ago to Ava Helen Miller, sister of Mrs. Walter Spaulding of this city.

OPINION IS ASKED ON PATIENTS KEEP

Multnomah Joins Marion in Opposing Payment to State This Year

Attorney General Van Winkle was asked yesterday by District Attorney Carson on behalf of the Marion county court whether or not the 1931 law providing for the counties of the state reimbursing the state for caring for the insane was constitutional. The request for an opinion followed the court's statement Saturday that the payment could not and would not be met by this county. Sunday it was announced in Portland that Multnomah county had no intention of paying the state any sums for the care of its insane in the state hospital here.

In case the law is found to be constitutional the attorney general will be requested to point out what funds can be used to meet the obligation in light of the fact that no provision has been made for such expenditures in the current budget.

The Attorney General Van Winkle indicated that the opinion would be completed within the next 10 days.

In case the law is held to be constitutional the counties probably will be compelled to pay for the support of the insane patients regardless of their attitude in connection with the merits of the act.

The law provides that in cases of non-violent insane patients housed in Oregon's two state hospitals, the counties shall pay the state a maximum of \$20 a month for the support of each patient.

Santiago Is In Rebel Control, Latest Report

TAMPA, Fla., Aug. 24—(AP)—Advices from revolutionary sources in Cuba to officials of the Tampa Junta today said Santiago de Cuba was in the hands of the rebels.

Santo Spiritu, a town near Santa Clara city, has fallen to the revolutionists under Col. Gavino Galtres, said the reports given out here. Other information received was that President Machado planned to return to Santa Clara city because of renewed activities around the capital.

Safe Cracking Epidemic Fire Fighter Is Injured Climbing Record Broken Chinese Cook Arrested

Yesterday Clyde and Bob Burleigh, Bend Skyliners, climbed the North Middle and South Sisters in 11 hours and 5 minutes, lowering the two-week old record of the Eugene Obsidians and a Roseburg group by 2 hours and 55 minutes.

The Obsidian party was the first to scale all three peaks in the same day.

With yesterday's climbing, the Burleigh boys claim 100,000 feet for the season.

ATTACK CHARGED
MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 24—(AP)—Harry Chan, Chinese cook, wanted here on a charge of injuring a waitress by throwing a fork at her, was arrested by state police near Gold Hill Sunday. Liquor charges will also be filed against him officers said.

FIRE IS QUELLED
ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 24—(AP)—A railroad crew and nearby residents extinguished a fire today which for a time menaced the Oregon Electric bridge near Conser station. The fire was said to have been started by sparks from a harvested. Damage was small.

HOPE SEEN FOR BUILDING MOVE SUCCESS HERE

Employment Committee and Building Congress get Together on Plans

City and School Officials Will be Asked to aid, Is Announcement

The prospects of cooperation between the governor's Marion county unemployment committee and the Salem Building Congress was manifestly pleasing and encouraging to County Judge J. C. Slegmund, a member of the former body, and County Clerk U. G. Boyer, who met with the executive board of the congress last night. The consensus of opinion of those present was that together the two groups could both get a comprehensive program of needed construction into action and see that the benefits to labor would accrue to workers who are residents of the county.

In its efforts to find employment for as many men as possible, the governor's committee will confer with city and school officials concerning their building needs which could well be filled this winter. Judge Slegmund said Mr. Boyer added that he was much interested in the congress program of instigating and stimulating private construction and repairs and that tying in the operations of the two groups would be a productive move.

Besides Judge Slegmund and Boyer, there were present Lyle Bartholomew, representative of the architects on the congress executive board, who presided in the absence of Carl Armpriest, president; Clay Larkins, for the plasterers; J. R. Schottler, for the material men; Robert Hutchison, for the painters; Fred Lewis, for the plumbers; and Peter DeWitt, for the carpenters.

Using intensive planning for building now while costs are at rock-bottom figures, Schottler declared, "Now is the time to take inventory to see whether you are talking hard times. I usually go away from a visit with a business man, depressed from his tale of woe, but the other day I actually met a man who was so full of plans for improving his business that he did not even mention such a thing as good times or bad."

The members of the group were emphatic in stating that plans must be economically sound and constructive if they are to be permanently beneficial. Also, they said, the present time is most opportune for construction work being done.

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BLAME TRY LAWS FOR CRIME WAVE

NEW YORK, Aug. 24—(AP)—Prohibition, unemployment and unrestricted interstate sale of firearms were advanced by speakers at a public anti-gang demonstration tonight as the principal causes of crime.

In Madison Square Garden citizens gathered in public protest of the recent outbreaks of violence in New York which have claimed the lives of small children and policemen and caused injury to peaceful bystanders.

Secretary of state, declared New York has ceased to be a safe place in which to live and place the burden of the blame for the condition on the shoulders of the city administration.

"Ours is a government of pull," Mr. Colby said, "immunity from prosecution, exemption from penalties, illicit favors, are the first, last and most vital concerns of the organization which dominates the city administration."

New York's 20,000 policemen, Mr. Colby added, if unimpeached, could close up every speakeasy, vicious resort and racketeers' hangout inside of 48 hours.

Junk Dealer Is Dead; Accident Two Months Ago

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24—(AP)—Injuries suffered when his horse and wagon were struck by an automobile here June 17 caused the death of Louis Gordon, 73, junk dealer, at a local hospital yesterday. Police did not learn of the death until it was reported to the coroner's office today.

Police said Frank I. Stebinger drove the car in the accident. He was not arrested.

Educator Chief Quits Position

QUITO, Ecuador, Aug. 24—(AP)—President Isidro Ayora of Ecuador resigned tonight, soon after he had accepted the resignation of his cabinet.

Colonel Larrea Alba assumed the president's power.

Carpenters Reduce Wages Voluntarily To Assist Building

Expect Move Will Stimulate Construction; Cut Is 25 Per Cent, Laborers' Union to Accept Similar Slash in Pay

COMING as a stimulating factor in the hoped-for resumption of building activities in Salem, voluntary wage reductions by the carpenters' and laborers' local unions were announced last night for the first time at the meeting of the Salem Building Congress' executive board and members of Governor Meier's county committee on unemployment.

These cuts, it was revealed, were voted upon by the two unions last Thursday evening.

The carpenters are agreeing to work for 25 per cent and the laborers for 20 per cent less than they have received in the past. Under this cut the carpenter's wage is reduced from eight to six dollars per day and the laborer's from five to four dollars.

An agreement has been made, further with 11 of the leading contractors in the city to employ only organized labor and to refuse to subcontract to contractors who have done "unfair" work, unless they are willing to follow the laborers' attitude toward the unions.

These wage reductions are meant only as a temporary measure until the end of the year. A representative of the carpenters stated last night that it was to be expected the scale would be raised to the old figure as soon as business begins to improve.

The first cuts in labor costs were assumed last June by the plasterers, who dropped from \$12 to \$9; the hod carriers, from \$9 to \$7; and the lathers, from \$5 to \$4.50 per thousand.

It is rumored that the painters are also considering the temporary downward revision of wages.

OBJECTIONS MADE TO SCHOOL BUDGET

Supervisory System Deemed Wasteful; Group Will Attend Meeting

For the first time in years the budget meeting of the school board tonight promises to be more than a mere ratification meeting. A group of taxpayers dissatisfied with the school administration and with school conditions will appear at the meeting at the high school and present resolutions which will call for relief. While they recognize that teachers have been employed and contracts signed, they intend to file their protest that it may be effective next year if not this year.

One of the points of attack is the supervisory system which has been under fire in the school board on different occasions. This, the protesters aver, is costly and unnecessary.

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CHEMEKETANS ARE BACK FROM OUTING

The Chemeketans' two weeks of camping at Indian Henry's hunting ground, Mt. Rainier national park, was the best annual outing of the many they have staged, the hikers declared when they arrived home, 16 strong, Sunday night. There were 19 persons in camp the first week.

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FIFTY NEW CITIZENS

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24—(AP)—Fifty foreign-born Portland residents took the oath of allegiance to the flag and were admitted to American citizenship by Federal District Judge Fee today.

WHEAT PARLEY HITS SNAG OF CREDIT TERMS

Chinese and U. S. Agencies Divergent in Ideas On Payment Date

Typhoon Feared as Likely To Pile up Horrors Following Flood

SHANGHAI, Aug. 25—(Tuesday)—(AP)—The Associated Press learned today that wheat negotiations between the United States farm board that the Chinese flood commission have encountered a wide divergence of terms asked and offered.

The Chinese propose to buy 15,000,000 bushels with a 10-year credit and "liberal terms" with respect to interest.

The farm board countered with a proposal for 4 1/2 per cent interest and payment within two and one-half to four and one-half years.

The Chinese intend to address a new request to Washington, seeking more liberal terms. Meanwhile the situation is purchasing quantities of rice and wheat locally for flood relief.

HANKOW, Aug. 24—(AP)—Forebodings of even greater disaster today added to the misery of central China's stricken hordes as the soldier summoned reinforcements and hunger was whipped by a strong wind—the feared forerunner of a typhoon.

It is the season for typhoons, and apprehensive residents feel a storm would complete the doom of the stricken. Hanyang, Wu-chang and Hankow, by blowing such volumes of water against them that undermined foundations would be certain to collapse.

Thousands Cling To Island Crests
More than 400,000 refugees are clinging to a precarious existence on the island crests of two hills behind Wuchang. Forced to drink the rancid waters of the swollen stream, the refugees, crowded together like sheep, are ravaged by fever and dysentery.

In the native section of this city, hunger-crazed refugees who were quartered in a large warehouse attacked a detail of soldiers who had begun to remove a quantity of grain stored there.

The soldiers summoned reinforcements and the crowd was quelled by the use of machine guns. Several of the refugees were wounded.

Reports to the Kuomintang news agency stated more than 1000 persons who were housed in the barracks at Wuchang were drowned as a result of a fresh break in the dyke holding back the Yangtze river.

Bodies Float Down Swollen Stream
Thousands of corpses daily float down the stream into an immense lake which is forming between Hankow and Nanking.

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MAN-CAUSED FIRES SHOW GREAT GAINS

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24—(AP)—Forest fires so far this season due to human causes, careless or criminal, in the 22 national forests of Oregon and Washington show a great increase over those for the like period last year.

This statement was issued here today by C. J. Buck, regional forester. Total to date this year is 775 and for that period last year, 424.

The number of incendiary fires leaped from 32 last year to 191 this year, Buck said.

Careless smokers head the list with 277 against 175 for 1930. Campers accidentally set 149 fires to date, 16 more than last year.

Lightning fires decreased from 430 to 93.

Buck pleaded for an aroused public opinion to help put an end to these unnecessary man-caused fires.

Invited To Head New Government



RAMSAY MACDONALD

FIRST SCHOOL WILL OPEN NEXT MONDAY

Union Leads County List; September to see all But one Started

Next Monday, August 31, will mark the opening of the first school in Marion county for the 1931-1932 year when the Union grade school near Woodburn starts its year's work. Miss Mary Gibson is principal. The school next to start will be the one known as the Abiqua school near Silverton. It will begin September 2. Schools at Detroit and Gales will be the next to open, each beginning Monday, September 7.

Opening dates of all the schools in the county are not yet available at the county superintendent's office since all teachers have not registered their certificates with Mrs. Mary Fulkerson, school head, as the law provides. Until this is done, her office is without information on the opening date.

Registration Law Will Be Enforced
Mrs. Fulkerson said yesterday she intended to enforce the registration law strictly this year. Unless teachers register their certificates, she said, they will not be allowed to teach.

From King George
From Buckingham court circular from Buckingham palace told the story of the day's events.

"The Rt. Hon. Ramsay MacDonald," it said, "had an audience with the king this afternoon and tendered his resignation as prime minister and first lord of the treasury which his majesty was graciously pleased to accept."

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PROBE DEATH OF OFFICER'S WIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24—(AP) Four separate investigations were started today into the death here yesterday of Mrs. Daisy Price, bride of Lieutenant Commander George D. Price, attached to the naval aircraft carrier Lexington, now in San Francisco harbor with the fleet.

Mrs. Price plunged from a fourth story window of the Alexander Hamilton hotel early yesterday after a party in her room and died a few hours later. Police assert there was drinking at the party.

In a dying statement Mrs. Price told assistant district attorney, Walter Schiller:

"It was my fault." Then she called a name that sounded like "Peggy," but acquaintances said they believed she said "Piggy," a pet name she had for her husband.

Burton Templeton, another guest at the hotel, said he saw Mrs. Price go through the window and heard her strike. He said he saw objects resembling a bottle and a chair go after her. He rushed downstairs and asked her if she fell or was thrown. Templeton told police the woman said she was thrown but "I'd rather not say," he did it.

In addition to the police investigation a naval board of inquiry started one. The coroner's office and the federal prohibition administrator started the other investigations.

LABOR CABINET OUT BUT CHIEF HEADS COMBINE

MacDonald Asked to Form Coalition Government For Great Britain

Purpose is to Bury Politics And Bring Nation out Of Economic Ills

LONDON, Aug. 24—(AP)—Ramsay MacDonald's socialist labor government passed into history today with the resignation of the prime minister and his cabinet.

Almost immediately after the cabinet resigned King George V entrusted MacDonald with the formation of a new national government composed of the leaders of all three major parties. Business would be burying politics and extricating Great Britain from her economic and financial difficulties.

Tonight MacDonald, Stanley Baldwin and Sir Hubert Samuel, representing the labor party, the conservatives and the liberals, went over the possibilities of the personnel of the new government.

It was thought that tomorrow or the next day a full cabinet roster can be presented to the king and the new government will be formed.

Some believed that the result of today's events might be political suicide for MacDonald and the labor ministers whose lot was cast with his.

Attitude of Labor
Some labor quarters denounced him as a traitor to the party while others termed him the hero of the hour who by putting his personal ambitions aside is risking his political life for the good of the nation.

The new national government is expected to contain about twelve ministers as compared to the twenty in an ordinary British administration. Among those who were expected to fill posts in the new government besides MacDonald are Stanley Baldwin, former premier and leader of the conservatives; Lord Irwin, former viceroy of India who has been mentioned as a possible new foreign secretary; Sir Samuel Hoare, Sir Astor Chamberlain, Neville Chamberlain, former premier, Lloyd George (if his health permits); Lord Reading, Sir Herbert Samuel, Sir Donald MacLean, Phillips Snowden and J. H. Thomas.

Accepts Offer
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FIRE HAZARD OVER IDAHO INCREASING

SPOKANE, Aug. 24—(AP)—Fanned by winds and aided by moistureless air, central and north Idaho fires burned with new life today as airplanes carried new fighting armies against them.

Two huge tri-motored planes carrying 24 men flew out of Spokane today for the Clearwater basin and Moose Creek fronts in central Idaho, while from Missoula a six plane plane went into the fire region loaded with men.

Almost simultaneously with a prediction by weather observer Grady here that lower humidity and higher temperatures could be expected today and tomorrow, with attendant increased fire hazards, reports of new blazes started coming in. They dotted national forests in northern Idaho and western Montana, but all were small and sufficient men were on hand to control them. A 200 acre fire in the Clearwater forests near Orofino, Idaho, was the largest of the newer outbreaks.

Nominations To Legion Offices Slated Tonight

The final report of Capital Post No. 9 American legion's Fourth of July convention will be made at the post's meeting at 8 o'clock tonight in Miller hall, the drum corps' trip to the national convention at Detroit will be discussed and nominations for new officers will be made.

This officers to be nominated are commander, vice-commander, adjutant, finance officer and five members of the executive committee. The name of Irl McSherry is the only one which has been mentioned for the position of post commander.

Oregon Briefs

PORTLAND HAS FOUR
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24—(AP)—Safe robbers opened their fourth safe in four successive days here last night. The Sunday night victim was Lamb's grocery. The store safe was broken open and \$500 in cash and a number of checks taken, police said.

Thursday and Friday nights two safes were carried away from stores and opened. Saturday night the looting was done on the premises.

Police believe the same gang responsible for all four jobs.

FALLING TREE HITS
MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 24—(AP)—Near where Fred Martin was recently killed by a fire-felled tree, Ted Beavins, 30, was seriously injured in a similar manner today. The accident happened near Butte Falls. Beavins' skull was believed fractured.

CLIMB THREE PEAKS
BEND, Ore., Aug. 24—(AP)—Mountain-scaling records in the Sisters county don't last long these days.