

ARMISTICE FOR EDUCATION WAR IS SIGNIFICANT

Well Founded Report Says Kerr Will End Service About June, 1934

Probe of Morse to be Mere Gesture; Harmony Held Current Objective

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An armistice has been called in the field of higher education in Oregon if one can fully credit reports seeping out to the news front in the last fortnight. Nor is this cessation of hostilities the calm before a new battle, authorities declare.

Rather the various factions in the flareup of six weeks past are reported to be in substantial agreement on these points:

1. Dr. W. J. Kerr will terminate his service as chancellor of higher education on or about June 30, 1934.

2. No extensive investigation will be made by the state board of education into affairs at Eugene.

3. A casual checkup of Dean Wayne E. Morse may be made meanwhile and his wrists slapped. His removal from the Eugene faculty is not contemplated.

4. Quietly the board will at once start the quest for an out-of-state man as chancellor, his services to begin the school year of 1934-35.

5. There will be public commendation by the board in due time of the work of Dr. Kerr. In no sense will his retirement be held an ouster.

6. Governor Julius L. Meier will be in no hurry to appoint a successor to Roscoe Nelson, resigned board member.

7. During the armistice period disgruntled Eugene townsmen and faculty members will keep silent and work for a successful school year of 1933-34.

Confirmation is Not Possible at Present

These conclusions are not the result of guesses, but neither can they be confirmed by statements from board members. Following the lead of Vice-Chairman Willard Marks, board of higher education members are keeping mum and trying to keep the higher educational controversy out of the press.

Nor has Chancellor W. J. Kerr made any public statement on his position since his declaration that he would not resign under fire. It is certain he has not ratified the proposed armistice by submitting a written resignation.

But the verified facts remain that the armistice above outlined is in effect. One notes how quiet higher educational affairs were kept in the special session. There was not a peep on the floor of either house about them. No bills dealing with the vexing higher educational system were introduced.

While investigation of Dean Morse, as ordered by the board, is still the order of the day, George Macleod, who heads the investigating committee, has been in no hurry to push the matter through. It is definitely established that Eugene faculty members have been consulted and that their respective leaders have agreed that all would be quiet on the Eugene sector if a new deal would result by next school year.

No one, having witnessed the shuttlecock affairs of the board of higher education, can predict in December what the group will do in May. The peace-at-any-price negotiations may by then be blown to the winds. Dr. Kerr has hundreds of friends urging him to stand by the ship until he is removed as captain; a situation his supporters think will never occur. But all parties in the higher education mixup are in essential agreement that constant, open, bitter warfare has the entire higher educational system. Thus the armistice and stalemate now effective.

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7 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



Four Million Placed On Jobs Under Civil Works Plan, Claimed

Goal Reached Declares Administrator Hopkins Following State Reports; Cheese and Lard Purchase for Needy Planned

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Success was claimed today by the civil works administration in its effort to give employment to 4,000,000 persons on public projects. Harry L. Hopkins, the administrator, told reporters the goal had been reached through the day-and-night cooperation of state and local boards and their associates.

His statement, Hopkins explained, was based on telephone reports from state leaders concerning the ambitious effort which started a month ago. Tomorrow was the deadline set.

It also was made known that the federal surplus relief corporation, which Hopkins heads, plans to spend approximately \$3,000,000 for cheese and an undetermined amount for lard for distribution to the needy unemployed. Butter purchases are also contemplated.

Families still on relief rolls were estimated by Hopkins at 1,600,000, but he said the exact number would not be known until state administrators report in January.

Hopkins said he could give no definite employment figures either for individual states or for the country as a whole.

The drought areas in the west and the tier of states along the northern section of the country were permitted to exceed their quotas on the theory that weather conditions would prevent them from carrying on work as steadily as farther south.

Plans for the employment program provided for taking 2,000,000 men off relief rolls and 2,000,000 from the United States unemployment service lists.

MEASURES VETOED ARE UNIMPORTANT

Cooperation in Wagner Law Not Necessary Now is Meier's Attitude

Three measures were vetoed yesterday by Governor Meier, none of which was considered a major enactment of the special session.

Disapproval was given house bill 102, by the unemployment committee, providing for the cooperation of the state with the federal government in the establishment of employment offices.

"The Wagner bill, which is the federal act referred to in this measure, provides that in the conduct of the employment offices established thereunder 50 per cent of the financial support shall come from state or local sources, the federal government providing the remainder. The Wagner bill is so drawn that the state is not required to provide for cooperation until the first regular legislative session after June 6, 1933," the governor said in his veto message.

While I am entirely in sympathy with the provisions of the Wagner bill, I feel that the present need is being met by the national re-employment service without cost to the state and that acceptance of the terms of the Wagner bill can be deferred until the next regular legislative session.

Senate bill 55, by the banking committee, to regular the garnishment of banks and trust companies.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Late Sports

CORVALLIS, Dec. 15. (AP)—The Oregon State college basketball team had little trouble in defeating Multnomah club of Portland, 44 to 22, in their first game this season here tonight.

The Orangemen, with four lettermen in the starting lineup, led, 26 to 6, at half time, and held a 20-point lead most of the way through the game despite a rally by the visitors at the start of the second half.

PORTLAND, Dec. 15. (AP)—Displaying some of the best hockey seen by Portland fans in years, the Portland Buckaroos defeated the Vancouver Lions, 3 to 1, in their northwest professional hockey league game at the coliseum here tonight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (AP)—Tony Cassano, New York's lightweight idol, kept his winning streak intact tonight as he gave Cleto Locatelli, European champion, a fierce beating in 10 rounds, but try as he would, he couldn't put away the gamest little foreigner the faithful have cheered in a long, long time.

Tony won an easy decision, but all the cheers of a crowd of 6000 went to Cleto, lantern jawed, hawk faced warrior from the land of Cassano's antecedents, making his American debut.

MEIER AFFIXES HIS SIGNATURE TO LIQUOR LAW

Effective at Once, Stores May Not Be Opened Till New Year Starts

All Bills Signed or Turned Over to Hoss Excepting Three Given Veto

All bills which passed at the special session had received the governor's signature or had been passed to the secretary of state without signature by last night save three measures which Governor Meier vetoed.

The Knox liquor control measure became effective at once yesterday when signed. It gives the state complete control over all phases of the liquor business in Oregon. While the state liquor commission has already been named, it was considered unlikely yesterday that it would be re-elected but the measure into effect before the turn of the year.

Governor Meier affixed his signature to an accompanying liquor bill, by Beckman, imposing a privilege tax on the manufacture and distribution of beverages of not more than 14 per cent alcoholic content. The tax amounts to 63 cents a barrel on beer up to four per cent by weight, to \$1 a barrel on beer over four per cent, and 25 cents a gallon for wine.

The sales or privilege tax bill received favorable consideration by the governor. This law provides for a 1 1/2 per cent gross tax on all retail sales of personal property and utility services. All revenues derived from this act will go into a fund for the relief of the public schools. Officials declared that the operation of this law would return to the state approximately \$4,500,000 a year. The act will remain in operation for a period of two years. The bill was introduced by Representative McPhillips and was one of the most controversial issues of the special legislative session.

The governor also signed house bill 14, by Abrams, authorizing the state to acquire the Astoria ship floats.

Meier's attitude toward the Wagner law was also made known by his veto of house bill 102, by the unemployment committee, providing for the cooperation of the state with the federal government in the establishment of employment offices.

CRUISER ASTORIA TO BE LAUNCHED

Norblad One of Speakers at Christening Today in Bremerton Yard

BREMERTON, Wash., Dec. 15. (AP)—The 19,000-ton cruiser Astoria, newest addition to Uncle Sam's fighting forces, got her first taste of salt water today when the giant building dock at the Puget Sound navy yard started filling in preparation for the ship's christening tomorrow.

Closed before sufficient water enters the dock to float the vessel, the valves will be reopened at 2 p. m. tomorrow and the big fighting craft will lift herself from the supporting blocks. At the ship floats free, Miss Lella C. McKay of Portland, Ore., will christen her with the first bottle of champagne to crash against the bow of a United States battleship in more than 13 years.

Miss McKay, sponsor of the ship, will be present at the christening tomorrow.

HIGHER PERCENTAGE LIQUOR PLAN FAILS

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 15. (AP)—Following a two-hour argument tonight senate liberals lost in an attempt to amend the Steele liquor control bill, to allow the sale of 22 per cent drinks by the glass in hotels, restaurants, clubs and on trains, boats and planes.

Only 10 votes were cast for the amendment, redrafted for the liquor control committee and presented by Senator Garrett (D., Pierce). Opponents mustered 31 votes.

Meanwhile, in the house liquor control committee, another attempt was made to postpone consideration of the same measure, but after more than four hours of filibustering, Chairman J. T. Ledgerwood (D., Garfield), managed to maneuver the bill into a position for reading.

Youth Arrested In Lynch Probe



Hero or slayer, just as you look at it. This is Anthony Cataldi, who has declared he led the mob that lynched Jack Holmes and Thomas Thurmond, kidnapers of Brooks Hart at San Jose, Cal. Cataldi, arrested in the lynching case, has been promised a pardon by Governor Rolph if he is convicted.

NEGRO TURNED LOOSE BY JURY FOUND LYNCHED

No Trace of Mob as Sheriff Answers Summons to Take Body Away

COLUMBIA, Tenn., Dec. 15. (AP)—The body of Cord Cheek, 20-year-old negro whom the grand jury refused to indict after his arrest for an attempted attack on an 11-year-old girl, was found hanging from the limb of a tree near here tonight.

Sheriff Claude Godwin said the lynching was "handed in a very quiet manner" and that "no one knew anything about it."

The sheriff said he received an anonymous telephone call that he could find a "dead negro at the forks of the road" in the Glendale section of the county and to "come and get him."

When Sheriff Godwin arrived the negro apparently had been dead only a short time, the officers said, but there was no trace of those responsible for his death.

The alleged attempted attack on the child occurred in the Glendale section about a month ago. Cheek was arrested and taken first to Pulaski and then to Nashville for safe keeping.

But the Maury county grand jury Wednesday refused to return an indictment, Sheriff Godwin said, and orders were sent to Nashville to release Cheek.

BANKERS MEET TO DISCUSS NRA CODE

Clearing Charge on Checks From Out of Town Topic Mainly Considered

Sixty bankers from Clackamas, Polk and Marion counties gathered at the Marion hotel here Friday night to hear provisions of the pending NRA code for bankers explained. Joseph Keber of Mt. Angel, president of the Marion County Bankers' association, presided.

The principal speaker was John Ferguson of the First National bank of Marshfield. He explained the operations of a check clearing charge made by Coos county banks for the last eight months. A similar charge is to be made by all Oregon banks beginning January 1 (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Auto Tax Moneys Allotted County For Road Upkeep

Marion county yesterday was sent \$51,697 from the state, the sum constituting its share of the second half of 1933 receipts under the state motor vehicle act. By law passed at the 1933 session, \$1,600,000 of state highway funds are apportioned semi-annually to the counties. Yesterday's remittance constituted the second payment of the year to this county. The moneys go into the county road fund and provide much relief for real property in the maintenance and construction of county roads.

DEBT PAYMENTS SMALL But Nation to Insist On Original Amounts

France Defaults Again And Claims Status Much Changed

Finland Only Debtor To Pay in Full; Tokens Given

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP)—Despite the collection of only \$8,895,123 of the \$152,000,000 due today on war debt payments, the United States was said authoritatively not to have changed its attitude that full repayment of the loans should be made.

It was made known in highest quarters that the position of this administration had not altered in the slightest and that it still considered war debts and German reparations to be entirely separate questions.

This explanation was given after France, one of the defaulting nations, had informed the United States in a note that it considered the Hoover moratorium and the Lausanne agreement had brought about changes that necessitated new arrangements before war debt payments could be resumed.

President Roosevelt was said to hold the view that the United States was not in any way bound by the Lausanne agreement, by which European nations agreed on reductions in German reparations contingent on a scaling down of American debt payments. The United States did not sign that agreement.

Belgium, another defaulting country, as well as France, linked reparations with war debts and contended they were unable to pay more until Germany made reparations payments to them.

Announced tonight the receipt of \$8,895,123 in payments from six nations.

All payments were made at the New York Federal Reserve bank except in the case of Lithuania which paid at the treasury. The amounts: Great Britain, \$7,500,000; Italy, \$1,000,000; Finland, \$229,623; Czechoslovakia, \$150,000; Latvia, \$5500; Lithuania, \$7000.

Finland's payment, the only installment in full, consisted of \$209,000 of 3 per cent treasury bonds which were accepted at par, \$1567.50 accrued interest thereon and cash of \$19,055.50.

OLDER BOYS' MEET OPENS; 90 ATTEND

McKay Welcomes; Dubach Is Principal Speaker at Opening Banquet

Appealing to 90 high school youths from various parts of Oregon gathered in the dining room of the First Presbyterian church last night for a banquet meeting, to be not too quick to condemn and overthrow American institutions, Mayor Douglas McKay welcomed the Williamette Valley Older Boys' conference to Salem, and was enthusiastically received.

The address of the evening, given by U. G. Dubach, dean of (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Fred Kiddle Is Governor Early Today

Fred E. Kiddle, state senator from LaGrande, is acting governor of Oregon today and until Jellia L. Meier returns from California for which he left by train last night. Under the Oregon law, as soon as Governor Meier crosses the state line at Klamath Falls at 7 a. m. today, Mr. Kiddle, president of the senate, becomes acting governor.

Mr. Kiddle is in LaGrande today but expected to return to Salem tomorrow to serve during the absence of Governor Meier who will be in San Francisco until after Christmas. Mrs. Meier accompanied the governor on his trip.

Earl Snell, speaker of the house, left Friday night for his home at Arlington. He will not return to Salem until the house journal is ready for his signature.

SAITO IS SELECTED ENVOY FROM JAPAN

TOKYO, Dec. 16. — (Saturday) — Hiroshi Saito, Japanese minister to the Netherlands, has been selected as the new ambassador to Washington, the Associated Press learned today.

Saito is the present Japanese minister to the Netherlands and a former Japanese consul general in New York. He would succeed ex-Ambassador Katsuji Debuchi, who has just returned to Tokyo following upon his resignation at Washington.

Saito's name had been prominently mentioned in the Japanese press as the government's likely choice for the post, but no confirmation had proceeded from official sources.

Bill Permitting Sub-Par Sale of Bonds is Signed

The Abrams bill permitting cities to sell their bonds for less than 95 per cent of par value was signed by Governor Julius L. Meier yesterday. Such sales must be confined to bonds used to buy existing utility plants where federal moneys for improving the plant can be obtained.

The new law, while not designating Salem specifically, is so restricted it is thought few cities other than Salem can utilize the enactment which goes out of effect in 1936.

Local banks in the main opposed the bill, holding it would weaken the market for Salem's obligations.

FLOODS DEVASTATE NORTHWEST TOWNS AND COUNTRYSIDE



At left, an aerial view of the White River Valley, Washington (left), which was inundated when a severe storm sent the river rushing from its banks. The town of Benton, Wash., in the background, was in the path of the flood. The new \$500,000 Longacre race track is shown almost completely submerged. Thousands of acres of farm lands and homes were under water in western Washington.



At the right is a scene on flooded Lincoln avenue, in Tacoma, Wash. Hundreds of families were rendered homeless, bridges were swept away and property loss reached nearly \$4,000,000 after six days of unprecedented rain coupled with suddenly melting snow in the Cascade Mountains. Many Tacoma homes were inundated and whole sections of the city were under six feet of water as result of overflow of Puyallup River.—Central Press Photo.