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ASTORIA FIRE BURNS UP BUSINESS DISTRICT

HARDING FAVORS ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION LAW

President Scores People Who Condone Law Breaking, Annual Congressional Message

EXTENSION OF RURAL CREDIT SYSTEM ASKED

Foreign Policy Defended; America Will Not 'Shirk,' But Refuses to Enter Alliances.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(A. P.)—President Harding in his annual message delivered to congress today in person, deals with nearly a score of subjects, including prohibition, farm credits, transportation, child labor and immigration.

It was announced he would call a conference of governors to adopt definite policies for national and state cooperation in the administration of prohibition laws. He said the prohibition amendment would likely never be repealed and the nation should adopt its course accordingly.

Abolish Rail Board The speech proposed that the railroad labor board should be abolished, with the substitution of a labor division in the interstate commerce commission.

He urged a more extensive credit system to farmers. He suggested a constitutional amendment giving congress authority over child labor, and one restricting tax exempt securities.

Message Wide in Scope WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(A. P.)—The president's legislative message to congress covered the entire scope of domestic and foreign problems and it reaffirmed and defended the foreign policy of his administration.

He advocated anti-strike legislation to make the decisions of this new board enforceable; credit and marketing legislation for agriculture; consolidation of railroads into a few big systems; any child labor amendment to the constitution.

Regarding his foreign policy, Harding said that America had not shirked, and would not shirk international obligations nor permit any infringement on American rights, but that this country would not engage in treaties for armed alliances.

The president declared the eighteenth amendment would never be repealed. He denounced those who would break down this law as "breeding contempt for law which ultimately will break down the republic."

SLIDE CAUSES TERROR

MODENA, Italy, Dec. 8.—Six hundred persons escaped from the town of Piandegalli where a hundred houses collapsed in a landslide. Complete destruction is threatened.

WEATHER

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse, weather observer.

Maximum 22. Minimum 9. Barometer 29.65.



Tonight and Saturday snow but no cold tonight.

EVOLUTION OF FARM PRACTICES IN UMATILLA COUNTY RECOUNTED BY BENNION IN ANNUAL REPORT

BY JOE HARVEY These persons not in touch with the industry of agriculture who are of the opinion that this business, which produces about \$19,000,000 in Umatilla county every year, is non-progressive, would suffer a very real awakening if they were to spend a little time at two or three hours in an intelligent and sympathetic perusal of the annual report recently submitted by Fred Bennion, county agent.

The report is a comprehensive resume of what has been accomplished by the county agent and the county farm bureau from December 1, 1921, until November 30, 1922. It is made every year, according to the requirements of law. While ostensibly a report on what the office of the county agent has done during the course of one year, in reality it offers a scintillatingly presented cross-section of the monumental affairs of the county's biggest wealth producer, agriculture.

Is farming being done now as it was 20 years ago, or 10 years ago in Umatilla county? Can a man learn the business of crop and livestock production according to the standards of one day and then busy himself in his work and expect to make a success of the job without knowing ahead of time developments? Will the use of new ideas be profitable, or are innovations a reckless extravagance and useless? What kind of seed does it pay to use? These questions and many more are answered by tabulations, bare fact statements and pictures which make up the 100 closely typewritten pages in the bulky report.

To those who are not informed on what is being done by farmers, it may be said very emphatically that farming now is not the same that it was 20 years ago, or 10 years ago, and even within the past five years and less, some changes have been worked in methods that have added to the production of crops in a degree to kindle interest in anticipation as to what the future may hold in store.

The number and variety of crops (Continued on page 5.)

COLUMBIA IRRIGATION PROJECT ADVOCATED TO HOUSE COMMITTEE

Supervisor Adams Declares Basin's Development Would Equal Egyptian for Britain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(A. P.)—The completion of the Columbia basin irrigation project would be of more value to the United States than the development of Egypt has been to the British government, Fred A. Adams, supervisor of the basin told the house irrigation committee today at a hearing on the bill to authorize the reclamation service to investigate the feasibility of the plan.

WHEAT PRICES MOVE UP BY FEW POINTS

Wheat prices are higher today. December grain closing at \$1.19 7/8. May at \$1.17 1/4 and July at \$1.09 1/4. Yesterday's closings were \$1.18 3/4, \$1.16 5/8 and \$1.09 1/2. Following are the quotations, received by Overbeck & Cooke, local brokers.

EX-GOVERNOR SOUGHT ON CONTEMPT CHARGE FOR SEDUCTION TRIAL

Oxford, Miss., Dec. 8.—(A. P.)—Theodore G. Bilbo, former governor of Mississippi, was being sought today on a charge of contempt of court arising out of the \$750,000 seduction suit against Governor Lee M. Russell. Bilbo failed to appear when subpoenaed as a witness for Miss Frances Birchhead, who charges that Russell, while lieutenant-governor, seduced her. Bilbo was governor at the time.

ALLIED PREMIERS DISCUSS PROBLEM OF GERMAN DEBTS

Representatives From Allied Nations Meet in London to Settle Big World Problems.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM IS GIVEN OUT FOR PARLEY

Hope to Reach Settlement of German Moratorium Plan, International Loan, Budgets.

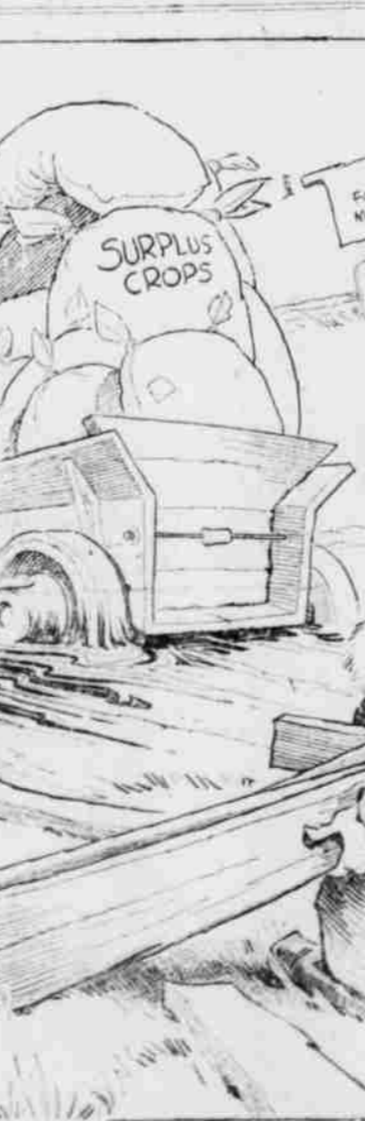
LONDON, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—The allied premiers arrived in London today to confer about Germany. The semi-official program of the parley will include a moratorium for Germany on the condition that France holds the balance adjustment of debts in view of the American attitude; international loan, which is considered impossible at present; the reform of Germany's budget and finances.

'Bohemian Girl' Pleases Audience With Many Solos

Second Offering of American Light Opera Co. Abounds With Pleasing Acting, Solos.

That tuneful opera, "The Bohemian Girl," with its wealth of melody and its charming solos, was presented last evening at the Rivoli theatre by the American Light Opera Co. in their second appearance during a four-day engagement.

LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR A DERRICK.



'PINAFORE' OFFERED BY OPERA COMPANY SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN MATINEE

A special matinee, which will offer an opportunity for out-of-town people and for school children to hear the American Light Opera Co., will be given tomorrow afternoon at the Rivoli at 2:30 o'clock. "Pinafore," one of Gilbert & Sullivan's most popular productions, will be the offering.

TAXPAYERS WILL MEET TO HEAR TAX REPORTS

A meeting of the Umatilla County Taxpayers League will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the court room at the court house, according to an announcement made today. Reports from two tax investigating committees will be submitted to the gathering, appointed at the meeting last Saturday, will report on state taxation, and the other committee will make a report on the condition of county taxes.

OHIO ASKS KENTUCKY DRY OFFICERS TO AID

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Spectacular raids on a number of roadhouses in Kentucky and the subsequent conviction of those arrested have resulted in numerous letters being sent to the Federal prohibition officers, whose headquarters are in Covington, asking them to come across the river and "clean up" Cincinnati. The outcome of these requests has been a conference between the officers stationed in Kentucky and those assigned to the Ohio side of the river and a statement by the latter that conditions which prevailed in the Kentucky roadhouses are not to be found in the vicinity of Cincinnati.

30 BLOCKS RUINED BY BIG BLAZE TODAY; LOSS WILL BE BETWEEN 10 AND 15 MILLION

Fire Starting at 2 a. m. Not Fully Conquered at Noon; Banks, Newspapers, Hotels and Big Stores Included in List of Destroyed; Port Docks and Big Flour Mill Escaped; Two Prominent Men Died During Fire.

ASTORIA, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—At 12:30 the fire was under control. The city hall and Catholic hospital previously threatened, were both saved. The only known dead are Norris Staples, president of the Bank of Commerce, and W. H. Fellman, furniture dealer. The Sanborn and other docks were saved. Telephone operators on night duty remained at their posts until driven out by flames in surrounding buildings. They rendered valuable aid by sending warnings and appeals for assistance.

The following firms' places were destroyed: Columbia Trust Savings Co., Bank of Commerce, First National Bank, Astoria Savings Bank, Astoria National Bank, Western Union, Postal Telegraph offices, The Weinhart Astoria Hotel, Merwin Hotel, Northern Hotel, Astoria Evening Budget and Astorian, newspapers, the Blue Mouse, Liberty, Star theatres, J. C. Penney store, Bee Hive Store, Elks Club and Red Men's hall.

30 Blocks Burned. ASTORIA, Dec. 8.—(A. P.)—Thirty blocks of the business district, including part of the older residence section, leading business houses and banks, and the buildings of both newspapers, were fire swept at noon today. The fire was spreading east at Seventeenth street, but was generally checked in the west end and north. It spread some on the south side of the devastated area to Franklin between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. Dynamiting broke windows in the court house but that building is believed saved. The fire had practically burned itself out at noon. In addition to Norris Staples, who dropped dead, an unidentified man was reported to have hanged himself. The loss is estimated at between ten and fifteen millions.

TAX RATES IN TOWNS OF COUNTY SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN IN 1921

Three Municipalities Show an Increase, and Seven Shave Costs; Two Are Unchanged. In the total there is a slight reduction in the tax levy rates of the town in Umatilla county, according to a statement made today by R. O. Hawkes, county assessor. The statement follows the receipt by the assessor of the levies made by the 12 municipalities in the county.

Three towns increased their levies over the previous year, seven lowered their rates, and in two places the rates remain unchanged. Adams and Pendleton are the two towns whose rates are unchanged for the 1922 levy. Adams has a rate of 10 mills and Pendleton's rate, which with the exception of Adams, is the lowest in the county, remains at 11 mills.

Echo increased its rate from 16 1/2 to 17 mills; Helix made a slight increase, the rate last year being 22 1/2 as against a levy of 23 for this year; and Pilot Rock added three mills to its levy, last year's rate being 22 mills as compared with a rate of 25 for this year.

The Athena rate has been sliced from 15 1/2 for last year to 15 for this year. Pro-wester used the rate from 17 1/2 to 15 1/2. Hermiston chopped from 15 1/2 to 15 1/4. Milton from 22 1/2 to 20 1/2. Stanfield from 24 1/2 to 24. Umatilla from 22 1/2 to 22 1/4, and Weston from 25 to 25 1/4.

Taken in the order of their rates from the highest to the lowest, the municipalities are listed as follows: Weston 27 1/2 Pilot Rock 26 Helix 23 Umatilla 22 1/4 Milton 20 1/2 Echo 17 Pro-wester 15 1/2 Hermiston 15 1/4 Athena 15 Stanfield 14 1/2 Pendleton 11 Adams 10

Rates of school districts generally are lower, Mr. Hawkes says. The total of all the rates of the 12 municipalities for 1921 was 226.4 mills. For 1922 the levies of the dozen total 222.5 mills.

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