

Oregon: Tonight and Thursday showers; moderate southerly winds.

Local: Min. temperature 49, Max. 54, mean 48. Rainfall .24 inches. River 7.5 feet, stationary.

Average for Six Months ending March 31, 1920

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Johnson Not Successful In New York

New York, Apr. 7.—New York state's "big four" unopposed delegation to the republican national convention rolled over the opposition of former State Senator William Bennett, pledged to the presidential candidacy of Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, in yesterday's primaries, according to virtually complete returns early today.

With only 126 election districts out of the 2571 in the city missing the vote for the "big four": Senator Nathan L. Miller, 70,943; Senator Jas. W. Wadsworth Jr., 70,898; Senator William M. Calder, 73,561; Colonel William Boyce Thompson, 68,194. Bennett's vote was 25,541 of which his home borough, Brooklyn, contributed 14,317. The vote was lighter than anticipated by party leaders.

Scattering returns from up state where the vote was also light indicated that the organization candidates had won over Bennett by a wider margin than in the city. No candidate favorable to Senator Johnson was elected in any of the twelve congressional districts where contests were waged.

Hoover Delegates Lose. The organization men also defeated two candidates pledged to Herbert Hoover in the seventeenth congressional district in Manhattan by a ratio of about two and one-half to one. This was the only district in the state where candidates favoring Mr. Hoover entered.

There were no contests among the democrats and the party vote was proportionately smaller than that cast for the republicans. Women turned out in large numbers and proved active workers, particularly as watches after the closing of the polls.

It was the city's first "dry" primary and political leaders and police officers declared it was the most orderly ever held here. Not a single arrest in connection with the primary was made.

History of Byron's Life Is Story Of Swindler Federal Records Show

Those who cheerfully contributed to the \$50,000 jackpot raised in Salem by Carlos L. Byron last fall and cherish any delusions about having their money returned, will change their minds if they read the history of the case in which Byron was connected, as it appears in 259 Federal Reports. Byron is now serving sentence at the McNeil Island federal prison as a result of his conviction.

Story of a Swindler. The story of this case is a repetition of the Salem cases, the Seattle cases, the Tacoma cases, the Roseburg cases and countless other cases dating from any old time in the past 18 years. Byron's record proves him a heartless and cold-blooded professional swindler who has used and reused the same old game of contracting to deliver patent timber lands, for a cash consideration, and who in the language of the report: "never had succeeded in securing title for anyone for either 'selected' or 'patented' lands by means of his procedure or otherwise; that every application filed would be rejected; that prior filings covered all land in question; that defendant never in-

tended to repay his victims and agreements made were only to prevent victims from discovering that they had been cheated and defrauded." Byron moved with celerity and silence in making his Salem shake-down. Secrecy, he represented, was an essential to success and his grave-vice connection with the land office must not be whispered about—for a very good reason, as is now apparent. Byron was accepted at his own valuation evidently, for without looking up his record, notorious throughout the northwest, without an inquiry into his character, which was as shady as his timber deals, without ascertaining the status of the timber land in question or Byron's ability to deliver title, citizens of Salem, business and professional men, merchants, educators and clerks eagerly gave up their money to a convicted swindler already under sentence to the federal penitentiary for perpetrating the same old fraud.

It was in September that Byron made his first Salem clean-up, while (Continued on page eight)

Immigration is Principal Topic Of Convention. New York, April 7.—The first national immigration conference ever held in America began here today to discuss naturalization and immigration laws, the shortage of labor, the exodus of immigrants from America and the cause of unrest among the foreign born with a view to formulating recommendations to congress.

House Preparing For Long Debates On Peace Measure. Washington, April 7.—House republicans today cleared the way for a two day debate on the peace resolution, beginning tomorrow. Under the program adopted by the rules committee, the final vote will not be cast until after 5 o'clock Friday. On both days the house will meet an hour earlier than customary.

Rail Men In Chicago Defy Union Heads

Chicago, Apr. 7.—Representatives of 5500 members of the Brotherhood Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen employed in the Chicago switching district today had defied their union officials and voted to join the unauthorized switchmen's strike called nearly a week ago.

Freight traffic through the expansive Chicago district already was restricted seriously and both sides agreed that if the force of strikers was augmented such traffic would be brought virtually to a standstill. The vote of the engineers and firemen came in the face of predictions of grand officers of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Switchmen's union of North America, that by Saturday the strike would be broken by loyal union men rushed here from other cities.

The engineers and firemen declared they would not work with "scabs" as they termed the loyal union men, and also demanded an increased wage. Engineers are paid \$5.75 a day and they demand \$1.50 an hour; the firemen, paid from \$4.16 to \$4.23 a day, demanded \$1 an hour.

Food Supplies Low. Passenger trains would not be interfered with, the strikers said. Meanwhile supplies of certain foods and fuel were beginning to run low in Chicago and nearly 20,000 employees had been thrown out of work at the stockyards by the stoppage of receipts of cattle. It was stated that unless receipts of livestock was resumed shortly approximately 50,000 men would be made idle.

Two Killed And Five Hurt When Hotel Destroyed. Seattle, Wash., April 7.—Another body, believed to be that of Miss Blanche Crowe, Seattle, 20, was found in the ruins of the Lincoln hotel here today. Miss Crowe, it is thought, was an employee of a Seattle restaurant.

British Plan To Prevent Spying. London, April 7.—The British government is taking steps to restrict the operations in England of spies from foreign countries. The House of Commons has just adopted anti-spy regulations at the request of Sir Ernest Pollock, the solicitor general, who told the members of the House that information was now being collected here for foreign governments and that this ought to be stopped for the sake of the country's safety.

Germany Protest French Invasion; Occupation of Rhine Sector Is Continued

Berlin, Apr. 7.—Occupation of German cities in the neutral zone east of the Rhine by French troops was denounced in an official statement today. It is declared the government did everything to prevent this "unheard of action, which is neither in accordance with the sense of the peace treaty nor its scope and is out of proportion with the insignificance of our measures in the Ruhr region."

Say Treaty Violated. "We must in the name of justice, and humanity," the German note says, "make the sharpest protest against the French army. It cannot possibly have been the intention of the treaty of Versailles to prevent Germany from restoring order as quickly as possible in the part of its territory most seriously disturbed by bands of robbers."

Prince of Wales And Party Visit San Diego Today. San Diego, Cal., April 7.—Edward, Prince of Wales, and heir to the British throne, arrived off Point Loma early today and there the cruiser Renown, carrying him to the Antipodes, lay to and awaited events planned here for today and tomorrow.

Iowa Farms Are Indundated When Levee Crumbles. Muscatine, Iowa, Apr. 7.—A break in the Muscatine island levee at a point about 12 miles south of this city late last night has inundated thousands of acres of farm land and the overflow of a considerable part of South Muscatine is threatened.

Smith Again Files For Re-election As County School Head. Stating that in the execution of the duties of his office, he will fulfill all requirements to the best of his ability, W. M. Smith, county superintendent of schools, filed declaration of candidacy for reelection Wednesday.

Canada Building Homes For Veterans. Vancouver, B. C., April 8.—Forty-seven dwellings, to be sold to veterans on the long term payment plan, have been constructed or are under construction by the City of Vancouver, it was announced recently. The provincial government turned over \$300,000 to the city to be used as a revolving fund for the construction of the homes. The fund was obtained by the province from the Dominion government, under the Soldiers' Housing Act.

LATE BULLETINS

Berlin, April 7.—A special session of the national assembly will be held Saturday. The call for the session was issued today following a conference between the heads of the political parties and the government.