

Oregon: Tonight and Thursday showers; moderate southerly winds.

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

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"; was: Nathan L. Miller, 70,943; Senator Jas. W. Wadsworth Jr., 70,894; 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 officials declared it was the most orderly ever held here. Not a single arrest in connection with the primary was made.

Holds Michigan Lead. Detroit, Mich., Apr. 7.—Beaten returns on Monday's presidential primary, coming in slowly from the scarcely settled sections of the state, added but few votes early today to the totals already compiled from approximately two-thirds of the precincts.

These figures gave Senator Hiram W. Johnson a lead of 42,251 over Major General Leonard Wood on the republican ticket and Herbert Hoover's advantage on the democratic ticket was 4486 over Governor Edward L. Edwards of New Jersey.

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.

The meeting was under the auspices of the Inter-Racial Council of New York, and delegates included representatives of thirty racial groups and spokesmen for industry, agriculture, capital and labor.

William H. Barr, president of the Inter-Racial Council and spokesman for industry, and General Coleman DuPont, chairman of the board of directors of the Inter-Racial Council, opened the meeting. A statement prepared by E. T. Meredith, secretary of agriculture, was read.

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.

The switchmen continue their strike under an ultimatum from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen that they will forfeit their union memberships unless they return to work by tomorrow night. They also would lose their seniority standings with the railroads.

The strikers claimed early today that 16,000 men already were out in the district and that by night 25,000 would be on strike. Railroad officials said about 2500 switchmen and yard men were out. Office clerks and superintendents joined the union strike-breakers in the yards yesterday.

Census Figures

Washington, Apr. 7.—Population statistics announced today by the census bureau included: Hudson, N. Y., 11,745, increase 328 or 2.9 per cent over 1910. Salina, Kan. 15,085, increase 5297 or 35.7 per cent. Spartanburg, S. C., 22,428, increase 5121 or 22.2 per cent. Greenville, S. C., 23,127, increase 7386 or 45.9 per cent.

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.

Seattle, Wash., Apr. 7.—Two persons are known to be dead, five injured and a number of others received minor hurts as the result of fire which early today destroyed the Hotel Lincoln, a family hotel at Fourth avenue and Madison street, in the downtown district, with a property loss estimated at approximately \$400,000.

The dead: Fred R. Hamilton, 50, Berkeley, Cal., killed by leaping from fifth floor. Miss Gray Hamilton, 21, daughter of Fred R. Hamilton, jumped from fifth floor.

The injured: Charles F. LaCasse, fireman. Martin Elliott, fireman. H. Fogelquist, fireman. C. W. Tebault, newspaperman. An unidentified woman.

Hundreds of spectators gathered in the streets, saw Hamilton and his daughter jump to their deaths. Firemen, climbing the sides of the building with scaling ladders, rescued a number of guests whose escape had been cut off. Over two hundred guests, scantily clad, made their way to safety down smoke-filled stairways.

The building, a seven story brick and frame structure with basement and sub-basement, was wrecked by falling walls. Little of the contents was saved. A. A. Wright, night clerk, sitting at the telephone switchboard, heard the fire start with an explosion in the basement. Smoke immediately began to pour up the elevator shaft. Wright stuck to his switchboard, working as fast as he could ringing the room telephones and arousing the guests. He said he had no idea how many rooms he reached. Wright worked at the board until he was so choked by smoke he could not speak.

Germans 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."

Berlin, April 6.—The German charge d'affaires in Paris was instructed today to hand the French government a note protesting against the French occupation of Frankfurt and other territory on the right bank of the Rhine.

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.

The movement in the Ruhr region if it had not been quickly opposed, would have shaken the results to its foundations both politically and economically.

Everywhere that the troops arrived, the movement quickly collapsed. The note points out that alleged violations of the treaty must, under the terms of that instrument, be redressed by all the signatories on the allied side and not by a single one, acting independently.

Occupation Continues. Frankfurt, April 7.—Occupation of Homburg by French troops today virtually completes the operations outlined to General DeGoutte, in charge of the occupation movement, in his orders from the war office. The entire plan has been carried out without any significant incident.

The inhabitants of Frankfurt are accepting the occupation with complete outward indifference. Aix La Chappelle, Rhenish Prussia, April 7.—German government troops are marching on Dusseldorf. Occupation of the town is expected late this evening or tomorrow morning.

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America is 4,000,000 men short as a result of dwindling of immigration since the war," General DuPont said. "Thousands of immigrants are going back. Other countries are making organized efforts to attract immigration to the United States is not."

The indiscriminate denunciation of foreign born, which has been taking place in America, is resulting in many of them leaving this country. It is resulting also in growing misunderstandings between natives and foreign born residents and in a general demoralization of industrial and social life.

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.

Carranza Holds Co-Operation Above Monroe Doctrine

Washington, April 7.—Solidarity among Latin-American nations must replace the Monroe Doctrine as the protective policy of those countries. President Carranza of Mexico declared in an interview printed recently by La Prensa of Buenos Aires copies of which have just reached Washington.

The Mexican executive was quoted as declaring his unalterable opposition to the Monroe Doctrine which he characterized as inefficient for the purpose of meeting the needs of weak nations. It is not true, President Carranza said that the United States government assisted the revolution which placed him in power. He expressed his conviction that "unscrupulous merchants" are sending arms and ammunition into Mexico.

According to La Prensa, President Carranza is of the opinion that the Mexican government will annul vast concessions granted foreigners in Lower California.

Riggs and Carson Announce Selves For County Jobs. Zados J. Riggs, Salem druggist, today filed his formal petition for a place on the republican primary ballot as a candidate for state representative from Marion county with the secretary of state's office.

In his petition Riggs declares for "sane, equitable, constructive business like legislation, having consideration for the taxpayer."

In his platform he promises to "strive for the enactment of sane and equitable laws which protect the interests of the people. I will stand for justice for the people generally and against domination by special class or interests. I will support those measures which appear to be conducive to the moral and material welfare of the people of Oregon and Marion county in particular."

Buffalo Men Out

Buffalo, N. Y., Apr. 7.—Five hundred switchmen on the night shift of all railroads entering Buffalo with the exception of the Erie and Pennsylvania lines went on a strike last night and this morning virtually tying up all freight in and out of the city. Up to 10:30 o'clock this morning, the day shifts had not reported and it is believed the strike will be general.

F. G. Sheehan, president of the switchmen's union, said the strike was unauthorized. Cleveland Men Stick. Cleveland, Ohio, Apr. 7.—W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen had received no official report early today of members of his organization joining the strike of switchmen in Chicago.

"So far as this organization is concerned the Chicago strike is illegal and will be treated as such," Mr. Carter said.

Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers issued the following statement regarding the Chicago switchmen's strike: "The strike of Chicago switchmen is illegal and will be so considered by the engineers' brotherhood."

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.

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.

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.

Superintendent Smith has served Marion county in this office for 13 years, receiving the approval of Marion county voters for three consecutive terms, in addition to serving one year by appointment. No other candidates for the office have filed up to the present time.

Hayward, Cal., April 7.—John Calvin Merrill, 84, credited with the invention of barbed wire when he was farming near Dubuque, Iowa, 22 years ago, died here recently.

2 Bills Barring Socialists Are Proposed Today

Albany, N. Y., Apr. 7.—Two bills designed to carry out the recommendation of the assembly judiciary committee "for barring the socialist party of America from participation in politics in New York state" were introduced in the legislature today.

One measure is intended to require the attorney general of the state to begin an action in the appellate division, third department, for a judicial determination of the question whether the socialist party, "if carried into effect would destroy, subvert or endanger the government of the state and nation."

British Hold Back Invasion Halts Agreement

Paris, April 7.—Entry of German government troops into the Ruhr district interrupted tentative negotiations for an economic understanding between France and Germany, and in authoritative circles here there is a conviction it was deliberately planned for that purpose.

In the course of the conversations on the subject, Germany asked France what would be necessary as a basis for such an understanding. The reply was that the terms of the Versailles treaty must be executed. It is the theory here that the military party in Germany confronted with these conditions preferred to take radical action.

German regular forces entered the Ruhr valley, it is pointed out, when Premier Lloyd-George and Earl Curzon, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, were away from London, and it was impossible for France to communicate with her allies regarding the situation. A similar state of affairs existed late in July, 1914, when President Poincare and the French foreign minister were absent from France and Germany and Austria began aggressions which began the world war.

CLOCKS TURNED AHEAD. Toledo, Ohio.—Toledo's clocks were turned ahead one hour on March 28, under an ordinance passed by the city council.

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Hawaiian Schools Face Wage Problem

Honolulu, T. H., April 7.—The territorial department of public instruction will ask the legislature at its special session expected to be held late in April or early in May, for a 25 per cent increase in salaries of teachers in elementary and high schools and 10 per cent increase in the salaries of principals in elementary schools.

Game Warden Declares War On Illegal Fishing

Portland, Or., Apr. 7.—War has been declared on commercial fishermen who are now being tempted to operate illegally during the closed season on account of the unusual demand and the high price of salmon, according to Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden. The Columbia river in the vicinity of Portland seems to be the favorite haunt and in the last 10 days seven fishermen have been arrested near Portland and their gear has been taken and sealed.

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Salem Local Of Timberworkers Supports Strike

The Salem union United Timberworkers, meeting here last night with about 40 members of the union at Silverton, voted support to the organization's fight there, championed conservatism, and advised that the entire matter be referred to the state conciliation board. It was felt during the meeting here that the dispute with the Silver Falls Lumber company would be amicably settled within a short time.

Situation Unchanged

Silverton, April 7.—The strike conditions at the Silver Falls Timber Co. mill in this city have not changed during the past twenty four hours, except that a few men have been added to the force, and matters are still very much unsettled. It is said that several men arrived here from Portland last evening expecting to work, but when they learned of the conditions returned to Portland. About forty members of the local union went to Salem last night to attend a meeting of the union at that place, anticipating that some adjustment might be reached.

Guilty of Contempt

Pittsburg, Kan., April 7.—After a plea of guilty to the charge of contempt had been made for Alexander Howat and two other Kansas miners' union officials, when they faced District Judge Andrew J. Curran today, their attorneys withdrew the plea. The officials will face trial Friday morning. Howat and August Dorchy, vice president and Thomas Harvey, secretary-treasurer, were admitted to

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.

London, April 7.—Recent unconfirmed reports of a Sinn Fein plot for an armed uprising in Ireland were based on fact, according to the Irish police. They state that they are in possession of information not only indicating a rising was intended but that certain Germans in Berlin had been engaged to furnish war material.

Athens, April 7.—Greek troops have been authorized by the supreme military council of the allies to advance in Asia Minor in anticipation of an eventual attack by Mustafa Kemal. They have occupied a strategic position east of the sector they have held around Smyrna, according to a dispatch to the newspaper Ethnos.

Athens, April 7.—It is announced here that an Italian commercial mission has arrived in Athens on the way to Russia to negotiate with the soviet government for the purchase of raw materials for manufactures. The mission, it is stated, is provided with several million rubles in cash.