

Oregon: Tonight and Saturday fair; cooler east portion; moderate westerly winds. LOCAL: Min. temperature 48, Max. 60, mean 60. No rainfall. River, 3 feet, stationary.

Polk Sends Resignation to President

Washington, June 4.—Frank L. Polk today resigned as under secretary of state and his resignation was accepted by President Wilson.

Mr. Polk's resignation will take effect June 15 when he will leave Washington to take a rest before returning to the practice of law in New York City. His successor has not yet been selected.

The under secretary's letter of resignation was not made public, but the president's reply was given out at the White House. It said: "My Dear Polk: The argument of necessity on account of your health in the matter of your resignation is one which I am stopped from answering or combating. I feel that I have in conscious and warm friendship no choice but to accept your resignation, though I do so with the utmost reluctance and wish again to express the admiration I have felt for the devoted and intelligent way in which you have performed your duties in the department. We shall all miss you very sadly and the public service will be poorer on account of your loss. With the warmest good wishes,

"Cordially and faithfully yours, WOODROW WILSON"

Mr. Polk is the third high official of the state department to resign this year.

Mr. Polk entered government service September 16, 1915, as counsel for the state department. Later he was made an assistant secretary of state and last year was elevated to the post of under-secretary when that office was created by special act of congress.

\$12,500 Deficit State Hospital Account Of H.C.L.

A deficit of approximately \$12,500 for the biennium is faced by the state hospital for the insane here under the present high price level, according to a statement made by Superintendent R. E. Lee Steiner before the state board of control Thursday. No demand for a deficiency appropriation will be made however, until the appropriation is exhausted. It was stated, and it might be possible to make use of the institutions betterment fund to tide over the fund until the next appropriation becomes available. Deficiencies aggregating approximately \$25,000 are faced by the various state institutions, it was stated.

If bids on meat for the various state institutions show any material increase when the bids are opened June 18 over the bid of six months ago it is possible that the state board of control may resort to frozen army meat which has been offered to the state at a price much lower than current quotations. It was intimated at yesterday's session of the board.

Wilson Appoints Coal Wage Board

Washington, June 4.—President Wilson appointed a commission of three men to settle the wage controversy between the anthracite coal miners and operators. The commission's award is to be made within sixty days if possible and its award as to wages will be retroactive to April 1, the date when the contracts between the miners and operators expired.

The members of the commission are William C. Thompson of Columbus, O.; Neal J. Ferry of McAadoo, Pa.; and William L. Connell of Scranton, Pa.

Owners Can Prevent Gas Famine Here

Whether or not gasoline for pleasure cars is to be seriously restricted in Salem and the territory tributary to it rests entirely with pleasure car owners. This, in a nut shell, is the result of findings in an investigation of the situation made here today.

Supply Cut in Half. Salem's gasoline supply today is about 50 per cent of the normal consumption and will remain so around this figure until the latter part of July, according to present indications. Out of this half-normal supply commercial trucks, tractors, spraying machines, other motor driven farm and orchard implements and passenger cars used for strictly business purposes must be served first. The surplus will go to pleasure cars.

While it is impossible to state exactly what portion of the 5500 or 6000 gallons available here daily under present conditions will be for sale to pleasure drivers a rough estimate places the amount at 1800 gallons per day, or sufficient to allow the owner of every pleasure vehicle a reasonable mileage out of his machine for recreational purposes.

Economy Is Necessary. Eighteen hundred gallons of gasoline is sufficient to propel the pleasure cars of Salem and vicinity in the neighborhood of 27,000 miles. But that daily mileage does not allow for senseless joyrides and unthinking waste of motor fuel, if all of the pleasure car owners in the district are to be provided with gasoline in reason amounts.

"Think of the other fellow who has got to be the slogan of motorists here if essential industries are to be protected and pleasure cars kept in operation.

Blame for the present shortage is placed squarely on the shoulders of the Standard and Union oil companies. Despite the pleas of the companies that they would be able to fully supply the Oregon market if the 56 gravity test law was withdrawn, and the subsequent action of Governor Olcott in announcing that violation of the 56 gravity test provision would be allowed to go unopposed, the Standard and Union companies have failed completely to relieve the shortage in any manner.

For the present month the gasoline allowance of the Salem agency of the Union oil company is but one fifth of its normal supply, according to the local manager, and this condition is expected to last throughout the summer.

The local manager of the Standard station also reports that their supply for the month of June is but one fifth of normal. He is unable to give any assurance of when an improvement in the situation may be expected.

Both the Union and Standard companies are giving first preference to trucks, tractors and commercial vehicles and will continue to do so they announce.

With these two companies supplying only one fifth of their normal output an abnormal strain has been put on the Associated and Shell companies and they are unable to fill the gap, despite the fact that the Associated is receiving its normal supply and the Shell people are distributing 80 percent more gasoline today than they did a year ago, according to Chas. B. Archer, local manager for the Shell company.

Both of the latter companies are caring for commercial vehicles direct, the Associated filling the orders of trucks at their supply yards, while the Shell company is handling this class of trade from its retail station on State street.

The needs of the farmers, both as to fuel to run their necessary machinery and for the cars they use in going to and from town on necessary business, are being given first consideration. Other commercial cars are next to be cared for and the remaining supply is to go to pleasure cars.

Portland Ration Fuel. Portland, Or., June 4.—Use of gasoline in Portland is being restricted by all oil companies today, with pleasure vehicles limited to a daily ration of not more than 20 per cent of tank capacity after filling and commercial vehicles to 75 per cent of tank capacity after filling.

Rationing of gasoline, agreed to by the oil companies, following a long conference yesterday by a committee of representative business men of Portland is said to be necessary to alleviate as far as possible the statewide shortage which is seriously crippling industrial and agricultural pursuits in virtually all parts of Oregon.

An appeal to auto owners of Portland to refrain from any unnecessary use of autos during the next two weeks will be made through a publicity campaign planned by the gasoline conservation committee organized yesterday.

Road Work Delayed. Roseburg, Or., June 4.—Highway construction work in this county has been held up by the gasoline shortage and last night practically 100 motor trucks were compelled to cease operations. These machines are used by contractors engaged in paving and grading, doing a great deal of the heavy hauling connected with construction work at Rice Hill, Dillard and other points.

Oaks' Chutes Burns. Portland, Or., June 4.—The shoot-the-chutes concession at the Oaks amuseusement park near here, was burned to the ground early today, the blaze for a time threatening inly and lumber yards in the vicinity. The damage was estimated at \$10,000. Lack of water hindered the fire fighters and fire tugs were called to assist.

Wages Of Women Fruit Pickers In California Set

San Francisco, June 4.—A minimum wage of \$16 a week, effective June 24 has been established for all women employed in agricultural occupation, including the picking of fruit, vegetables and berries, the state industrial welfare commission announced here today.

Employers who require women to work more than eight hours a day in the harvesting of perishable fruits and vegetables are required to pay not less than "rate and one-quarter" of the minimum during the first eight hours and not less than double the rate there after. All women are entitled to one day a week rest.

Bergdoll Tries To Reach Mexico

Phoenix, Ariz., June 4.—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, wealthy draft evader, who escaped from the custody of two non-commissioned officers of the army at his home in Philadelphia, May 21, is reported trying to reach the Mexican border, motoring with a companion and chauffeur, according to a message received by local department of justice officials today from San Antonio, Texas.

Break In Ranks Denied by Wood

Chicago, June 4.—Major General Leonard Wood issued the following statement today about the rumors of a break among his managers: "The rumors that there has been friction and that Colonel Proctor is to cease to manage my campaign is false and I can only attribute it to enemy propaganda.

"This report has been circulated for several months and it has been officially denied for a like length of time. Mr. Proctor is still campaign manager and will remain so, while Frank Hitchcock is working hard, loyal and harmoniously for me."

Grange Selects Eugene For Next Annual Session

Bend, Or., June 4.—Despite a spirited attempt to land the state grange convention for Portland in 1921, the Eugene delegates won for the University city by a vote of 141 out of the 199 votes cast. McMinnville was also a contender for the 1921 state convention.

S. J. Lowell of Fredonia, N. Y., treasurer of the national grange, stated that favorable irrigation legislation, but not legislation as proposed during the recent session of congress, which proposed to approve the \$500,000,000 reclamation appropriation bill.

"We fought the bill," stated Lowell, "because we believe it to be political plunder. We are ready to back all worthy projects."

Commercial Club Voices Approval Of Reorganization Plan Proposed By King's Food Products Company

Resolved to enter the world trade with their plants at Salem and The Dalles, The King's Food Products company, fruit dehydrators, have begun complete reorganization of the firm, and has instituted an extensive financial campaign in Salem. In reorganization the company set its capital stock at \$1,000,000. Seven hundred thousand dollars of this has been subscribed by Portland capitalists and others; \$150,000 has been sold at The Dalles and the company offers the remaining \$150,000 for sale in this city.

The company offers seven per cent of the \$1,000,000 worth of stock in Salem. The company offers seven per cent preferred participating stock, that draws seven per cent annually, plus dividends on the common stock. Financial men point to this as an unusual investment and predict ready sale of the \$150,000 worth of stock in Salem.

Firm's Prospects Bright. The King's Food Products company has already contracted its output for the coming season with eastern markets. This sale, indicative of the demand for the firm's products gave some months ago to plans for extension of the company's business.

Improvements, the extent of which was not made known Friday, are planned for the local plant. The board of directors of the Salem Commercial Club, at their meeting Thursday night, gave hearty endorsement to the company's plans insofar as they affect Salem, in the following resolution, a copy of which was sent to the company.

Resolution Passed. "Whereas, the King's Food Products company of Oregon owns and operates a large dehydrator plant in Salem, Oregon, and

Whereas, said King's company is being reorganized and refinanced at this time on a large and substantial basis, and

Whereas, Portland interests are offering to provide 70 per cent of the funds needed for said reorganization and refinancing, and

Whereas, this community is desirous

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Chicago, June 4.—With the arrival today of Ogden L. Mills, chairman of the republican executive committee, on policies and platform, final conferences on the articles of the republican platform to be submitted to the convention are expected to begin. The results of the work of Mr. Mills committee are to be turned over to the resolutions committee chosen at the convention, Will H. Hays, chairman of the national committee, said as the function of the Mills committee is purely advisory.

The nineteen sub-committees have been at work for six months and through the returns of more than 100,000 questionnaires and by other means has obtained the views of more than a million republicans in every field of public activity and interest. Mr. Hays said.

Public Hearings Promised. "Full public hearings before the resolutions committee will, however, be held on all pertinent questions and interested parties will be given an opportunity to present their views.

C. S. Barrett, president, and other representatives of the Farmers National Union, representatives of the American Federation of Labor and Harriet Taylor Upton of the League of Women Voters, will be given adequate time.

In the contests coming from the eight districts of Mississippi, a sub-committee reported the proceedings of the Mulvihill faction to be regular and that delegation was seated. It is understood, but is counted among the Lowden forces.

Lowden Delegates Seated. In the South Carolina contests, where the faction led by National Committeeman Tolbert of Greenwood was opposed by a delegation led by J. Duncan Adams of Spartanburg, the committee voted to seat the delegates at large of the Tolbert delegation, which is counted in the Lowden column.

In the contest from the first South Carolina district the national committee voted to seat the Tolbert delegates also.

Similar action in regard to the other districts were indicated.

The Tolbert-Adams contest furnished the committee meeting with a half hour of vaudeville in which Tolbert drew cheers and applause. Former Governor Hooper of Tennessee, presenting the case for the Adams faction, counted for Wood, denounced the Tolbert organization as an "oligarchy" of long standing, so repudiated by the republican voters of South Carolina that only 1500 ballots were cast for Hughes in the entire state in presidential election of 1918.

The committee wound up the South Carolina contest by voting to seat all the delegates of the Tolbert faction, counted for Lowden, but at large and in all seven districts.

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Chicago, June 4.—John Hand III, aged 8, grandson of the noted Chicago band director, will direct the band of nearly 1000 musicians in the opening of the republican convention, when a march, "The Republican," composed by his father and dedicated to the convention will be played. He will use a baton presented to his father by the late President Theodore Roosevelt, made of wood brought back from the expedition into Brazil along the "river of doubt."

Chicago, June 4.—Lines of action among the republican presidential candidates are beginning to come out of the nebulous atmosphere of the preliminary period and move toward definite form.

Delegates From New Mexico To Go Uninstructed

Roswell, N. M., June 4.—The democratic state convention in session from yesterday until early today, named six uninstructed delegates to the democratic national convention.

Resolutions were adopted indorsing President Wilson and opposing any attempt to insert a wet plank in the party platform.

Johnson and Allen Offer Two Planks

Chicago, June 4.—Outlining his campaign plans, Senator Johnson of California today declared the Johnson forces would present a League of Nations plank denouncing the present covenant and urge a plank on the high cost of living and another on labor against "de-humanizing" the republican party. Prohibition, he predicted, would not be mentioned.

Personally, Senator Johnson announced, in his daily talk with newspaper representatives, he would make "a straight out fight in the open, with no trades, no deals, no compromises."

"I'm tickled to death with the situation," said Senator Johnson, "I have a feeling of confidence that is delightful to me."

Expectations Pledged Kept. The League of Nations, Senator Johnson stated, is in other hands but will be presented to the convention resolutions committee. He said it would declare absolutely against the present league covenant. The present covenant, he stated, would have to be "redrafted entirely," to meet his acceptance.

"I expect instructed delegates," he said, "to remain with me until beyond peradventure of a doubt I'm out of the fight and that would mean substantially until I should release them."

ALLEN URGES COMMISSION TO SETTLE LABOR DISPUTES

Chicago, June 4.—Governor Allen of Kansas, who is to nominate General Wood, arrived today and announced he would offer a platform plank declaring for judicial settlement of industrial disputes as the paramount issue before the nation.

"We had thought that international questions would be the chief issue," said Governor Allen, "but now industrial problems are our principal concern. I will appear before the resolutions committee to ask a plank establishing a federal tribunal to decide industrial controversies, after consultations and all other efforts have failed. I have great hopes that such a plank will be adopted—a clear declaration for protection of the public against economic pressure of industrial strife. I believe economic pressure is the term but it means taking the public by the throat and shaking it down by a strike."

Governor Allen's determination prefaces a debate before the resolutions committee, the American Federation of Labor having planned to send representatives here to present organized labor's views.

Mayor's Job Cost Halvorsen Only 50c

The highest city office in Salem—that of mayor—cost George E. Halvorsen of the Marion Garage, successful candidate in the primary election, only 50 cents to acquire. Mr. Halvorsen's expense account, showing that he spent only 50 cents during his campaign, was filed with City Recorder Race Friday.

Expense accounts for Leroy J. Simeral, for \$4.75; and H. H. Vandervort for 25 cents, were also filed. Both Mr. Simeral and Mr. Vandervort were candidates for city council from Ward one.

Six Men Killed In Explosion

Pittsburg, Pa., June 4.—At least six men were killed by an explosion in the coal shaft of the Ontario Gas Coal company, near Cokeburg, Pa., yesterday. The men were buried under tons of earth and the foreman said he would not be able to tell the exact number of dead until the bodies had been recovered.

Soon after the miners went down the shaft there was an explosion which dislodged great masses of earth and buried every man in the shaft.

Arrival of Candidates Adds Flavor

Chicago, June 4.—The arrival of Senator Johnson on take charge of his candidacy, and the agreement among Wood leaders to have Frank H. Hitchcock act as their field marshal are the outstanding developments which indicate that within 48 hours the situation among the republicans will move into the stage where the leaders will begin to do business.

Things Ready to Move. Up until today none of the convention forces had reached the stage where one manager was prepared to determine upon a line of action with any degree of certainty of what might be expected from his opponents. But the soundings which have been taken during the last day or two, coupled with the approach of the convention itself have advanced to the point where, as the politicians say, things are about ready to move.

The Wood forces profess to be well satisfied with the arrangements within their own ranks and lay emphasis on the statement that the hopes of their opponents for a contest of leadership between William Cooper Proctor and Mr. Hitchcock have gone aglimmering. Mr. Proctor, they say, will continue in his present capacity with the Wood forces and the present agreement to have Mr. Hitchcock act as generalissimo of the forces on the convention floor was unanimous and agreeable all around.

After five days of sporadic activity and jockeying, things are beginning to take on a real convention atmosphere. By the time the crowds of delegates begin pouring in and with the coming of political leaders from Washington, things are expected to be going full blast.

The first cheers and the first songs of the boosters are beginning to be heard in the hotel lobbies and on the streets. Plans are tinkling in many of the campaign headquarters and the song leaders and cheer leaders are on the job beginning to drill the choruses of Willing Workers that always gather to participate in the noisy demonstrations which accompany a convention.

Publicity plans have had an impetus, too, and beginning today Wood Lowden and Johnson will give two daily interviews to newspaper men. Other candidates will join the plan as they arrive. Senator Polkindexer of Washington arrives today from Washington and Saturday his special train of boosters and delegates are due in from the west. From today on carloads of delegates will be arriving from all parts of the country to go through the quadrennial preliminaries of caucusing, electing their delegation officers, members of the various convention committees and choosing the state representatives on the republican national committee.

There are also many little booms by candidates for president and vice-president who have arrived with nominating speeches already prepared. They are canvassing the various delegations trying to induce some one to deliver them.

Vice-President Marshall is going to have a look at the republican contest and possibly some of the convention on his way west. He is due to arrive today.

Formal Protest By Polk County On Road Route

Formal protest against the action of the state highway commission in changing the routing of the Westside Pacific highway as originally routed by the act of the 1917 legislature, was laid before Governor Olcott Thursday afternoon by a delegation of Dallas and Independence citizens headed by Oscar Haxter, Dallas attorney.

Objection to the change in the original road program is based on the fact that the new route eliminates both Dallas and Independence from the main trunk highway. This, it is contended, is contrary to the intent of the act of 1917 outlining the highway map which was only adopted by the act of the Polk county representatives after these two Polk county towns had been included on the road map.

Governor Olcott accepted the petitions signed by some 3000 Polk county citizens and agreed to call it to the attention of the highway commission but declined to interfere with the plans of the commission, which, he declared, was created to shoulder this responsibility.

It was intimated that an action in mandamus would be started against the highway commission to compel the observance of the 1917 act unless the recognition of the claims of the Polk county towns was obtained otherwise.

Two million dollars annually is produced from 109 mines in 61 districts in Oregon.

Wood's National Fund Is Estimated at \$1,180,000

Washington, June 4.—Horace C. Stebbins of New York, eastern treasurer for the Wood national campaign committee, explained to the senate campaign investigating committee today why officers of the senate had been unable to locate him to serve a subpoena for his appearance at the inquiry.

"Nothing could be more false than the implication that I have been evading an appearance here," he said. "I have been on a trip in the Canadian woods which was planned long ago and which took me more than sixty miles from a telephone or telegraph line. The idea that I have been trying to hide is ridiculous."

Asked to explain the eastern financing of the Wood campaign, Mr. Stebbins said he had "received money which was sent through William Loeb and his associates. I paid it out by authority of Colonel Proctor and Mr. Loeb."

Loeb Big Contributor. Mr. Loeb sent \$225,000 from New York to Chicago. Chairman Kenyon interposed, "Does that appear in your accounts?"

"I don't want to get any duplication," the witness replied. "That \$225,000 was included in both my accounts and those at Chicago."

"I received between February 20 and May 17 \$300,000 from Mr. Loeb," he continued. "Then I received \$77,194 from Chicago," he said, "and about \$40,000 from the ways and means committee in New York city."

There was a general discussion between the committee and the witness in an effort to determine the total Wood national fund. Mr. Stebbins said that he could not absolutely settle the point until the books were audited. The total as given by Mr. Sprague was \$1,180,000.

Publicity Cost Much. He promised the committee a transcript of the full contributors list out of this fund. None of the gifts, he said, were larger than \$1000.

Asked if independent Wood funds were not raised for state use in New Jersey, Mr. Stebbins said there were some local expenditures, but they were small.

The witness said that in general "70 per cent of the money spent from my accounts went for publicity."

The committee is thoroughly satisfied that you had no intention of avoiding examination," Chairman Kenyon told Mr. Stebbins when his examination was completed.

From January 1 to May 21 the receipts for motor vehicle licenses was \$1,822,532. The registration at present is \$7,809 machines.

LATE BULLETINS

Washington, June 4.—Rear Admiral Joseph W. Oman United States navy, was renominated today by President Wilson to be governor of the Virgin Islands.

Washington, June 4.—Without amendment the senate judiciary committee today reported out the house joint resolution providing for the repeal of all war legislation except the Lever food control and the trading with the enemy act.

London, June 4.—The executive body of the National Railway Union has decided to ask the calling of a special congress of the Irish and British trades unions to try to bridge the gulf between the Irish people and the government, it was announced today by J. H. Thomas, M. P., secretary of the National Railway Organization.

Washington, June 4.—The conference report on the merchant marine bill was adopted today by the senate 45 to 14 and sent to the house.