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1910, 14,094; 1920, 17,679
Marion County 1920, 47,177; Folk
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OREGON: Tonight and Friday
rain west, fair east portion, fresh to
strong southerly gales shifting to
southwest. Southwest storm warn-
ings displayed all Washington and
Oregon stations.
LOCAL: No rainfall; northerly
winds; clear; maximum 62, mini-
mum 37, set 40; river 8.5 feet and
falling.

Price Three Cents

Hoover Leaves Cabinet Job Decision To Harding

Harding To Reorganize Machinery

Sweeping Changes In Executive Department Are Expected After March 4

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 24.—As president-elect Harding completes formation of his cabinet, he is giving increasing attention to the first administrative task he will undertake as president—the reorganization of the executive machinery of the government.

Reorganization plans have not taken shape, but it is known that Mr. Harding has in mind sweeping changes in many of the government departments and bureaus, and that he expects to enlist in the work of reorganization some of the ablest administrators he can find.

It is understood that Mr. Harding has decided to have some of the departments of the government reorganized as a post virtually on a par with a cabinet portfolio.

New Bureau Proposed. One of the biggest innovations proposed was the establishment of a separate department of public affairs, for which Mr. Harding outlined his plans in a general way during the campaign.

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Bulletins

Washington, Feb. 24.—A complete agreement on the Fordney emergency tariff bill was reached today by senate and house conferees. Their report will go before the house for immediate action, probably tomorrow.

Sandwich, Ont., Feb. 24.—The case of Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, accused of slaying Beverly Trumble, and innkeeper, in a liquor raid here last November, finally went to the jury at 2:20 this afternoon.

Duquoin, Ill., Feb. 24.—Five rescue squads, after working fifteen hours today abandoned hope of saving seven men entrapped yesterday in the burning Kathleen mine at Dowell, five miles south of here, and sealed it in an effort to extinguish the flames.

Giant Russian Breaks From Asylum; Smashes Door; Floors Guards

Mike Kozik, 20 year old Russian giant is still at large today after running amok at the state hospital for the insane here late last night, knocking down several attendants and breaking through heavy doors in making his escape from the institution.

Kozik's rampage which ended in his escape from the institution started when attendants attempted to give him the bath customary to be administered to new patients. Kozik objected to being bathed and is still unwashed so far as the hospital is concerned.

He was brought to the hospital Thursday afternoon from Portland, where he had been confined in a room with no signs of restraint throughout his stay. When attendants started to undress him last night and released the strap

which bound his arms he began to lay about him, striking one attendant with the buckle of the strap and inflicting a painful scalp wound and bowling over like ten pins several others who rushed to the rescue of the first.

A massive wooden door which barred the madman's progress was shattered like kindling wood by the giant who weighs better than two hundred pounds, Kozik taking the door jamb with him in his headlong flight. In the hall he seized a chair with which he smashed through the outer door to the receiving yard and made his way to freedom.

A report was received at the hospital this morning that Kozik had been seen in the vicinity of Aurora and a party of attendants have been sent out to search for him in that neighborhood.

Two Texas Fliers Killed at Austin. Austin, Texas, Feb. 24.—Cadet Flyers E. E. Allen and Virgil Beach both of Kelly field No. 2, San Antonio, were instantly killed yesterday morning when their plane crashed on Penn field, one mile south of Austin, as they were talking-off for San Antonio.

8 Fined, Three Dismissed and 1 Forfeits Bail. Forty-five dollars plunked into the city treasury yesterday afternoon when a number of motorists and bicyclists, charged with violating traffic rules, were arraigned before Police Judge Earl Race. Eight were fined, one forfeited bond, and three were dismissed.

Flyer Crosses Continent In Under 24 Hours. Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 24.—Lieutenant William D. Coney, who left San Diego, Cal., Monday night in a transcontinental flight which he had hoped to negotiate in 24 hours, landed at Camp Johnston, near here early this morning. He left Dallas, Texas, on the last lap of the journey late last night.

Leslie-Judge Co. Goes Bankrupt. New York, Feb. 24.—An involuntary bankruptcy petition was filed here yesterday in federal court against the Leslie-Judge company, Fifth avenue publishing corporation, on behalf of three creditors with claims totalling more than \$600,000.

Man Here Arrested On Speeding Charge. E. D. Cook, of this city, was yesterday afternoon arrested by Officer Miller Hayden. He was charged with operating his automobile in excess of the speed limit while traveling on Capital between Market and Union streets.

Pay of Workers In Steel Plant Cut 20 Percent. Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 24.—A reduction approximating 20 per cent in the pay of all laborers of the Jones & Laughlin Steel company will become effective March 1. It became known here today. Readjustments of the wages of tenement men in conformity with the new labor scale also will be made at the same time. The company normally employs about 25,000 men, 45 per cent being laborers. The new wage rate will be 37 cents an hour.

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America Asks Hand In Split Of Hun Lands

Equal Right In Disposition of Possessions Asserted In Note To League

Paris, Feb. 24.—The United States government, in its note to the council of the league of nations on the question of mandates, claims an equal concern and interest with the other principal allied and associated powers in the overseas possessions of Germany and in their disposition.

This was shown today when the note sent by the American state department and laid before the council of the league yesterday was made public.

The council again took up the note this morning, considering it with particular reference to its claim advanced by the United States. Some of the members held that America had forfeited such rights by withdrawing, as an associated power, from the supreme council.

In the summary of the note the United States said it had never given its consent that the island of Yap be included in the territories subjected to the mandate of Japan. The other principal feature of the note was the American contention of equal right and interest in disposing of Germany's overseas possessions. On this the note said:

"The principal allied and associated powers the United States has equal concern and inseparable interest with the other principal allied and associated powers in the overseas possessions of Germany, and consequently an equal voice in their disposition, which it is respectfully submitted cannot be undertaken or effected without its consent."

Referring to the attribution of the island of Yap to Japan, the note reads: "While this government never assented to the inclusion of the island of Yap in the proposed mandate to Japan, it may be pointed out that even if one or more of the other principal allied and associated powers were under misapprehension as to the reported decision of May 7, 1919, nevertheless in this note above mentioned the United States government makes clear its position."

(Presumably the notes referred to comprised that sent by the United States to Great Britain November 20 last, with the copies submitted to the French and Italian governments. The notes set forth the American position on the responsibility of mandatory powers. The Japanese mandate was approved by the council of the league December 17 in Geneva.)

At the time when these notes were addressed to the respective governments above mentioned an agreement had not been reached on the terms of the allocation of the mandates covering the former German islands in the Pacific.

Therefore, the position taken by the president on behalf of this government clearly set forth, necessarily had the result of effectively withdrawing any suggestion on implication of assent, mistakenly imputed to this government long before December 17, 1920, the date of the council's meeting in Geneva.

Independence. Independence, Feb. 24.—D. D. Good for many years engaged in the harness business in this city, was found dead in his shop on Main street at 2:30 yesterday afternoon by patrons who called to get work done. Heart trouble is said to have been the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Good had worked steadily during the forenoon as usual and at 10:30 had been heard to cough in the shop when the end came and was found seated in a chair with his head leaning against the work bench. The first impression was that he had fallen asleep.

Mr. Good was about 56 years of age and had lived in Independence for nearly ten years, conducting a harness shop on Main street. He is survived by his wife and a family of children all grown. Funeral arrangements had not been completed this afternoon, but it is expected the services will be held in the Presbyterian church here tomorrow afternoon, conducted by Dr. Chas. H. Dunsmore. Interment will probably be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Mr. Good was prominent in the Masonic lodge, and was active in all civic matters.

Body of Missing Boy Is Found In Santiam River. S. Set Home, Ore., Feb. 24.—After the youngest son of Mrs. Belle Joets had been missing since 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the little boy's body was found at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning below the Smead place, in the Santiam river. It is believed that the strong wind which prevailed Sunday precipitated the boy from the foot bridge into the river. The boy was three years old and had been playing with some other children in the vicinity of the bridge.

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Japs Must be Content With California Law

Uchida Tells Critics

Tokio, Feb. 23.—Japan can do nothing to invalidate anti-Japanese legislation in California, declared Viscount Uchida, foreign minister today.

"California's legislation," he said, "is injurious to Japanese interests, but that state has been acting within her constitution and also that of the United States."

The foreign minister spoke in reply to Baron Yoshio Sakatani, who after referring to a growing tendency in other Pacific coast states to follow the example of California, asked if the Japanese government was doing anything to counteract this movement. He also inquired if there were prospects that the accord being negotiated by Roland S. Morris, American ambassador to Japan, and Viscount Shidehara, Japanese ambassador at Washington, might be ratified soon.

M. Uchida said an agreement of a nature advantageous to Japan was being arranged by Mr. Morris and M. Shidehara and that a satisfactory solution might be expected, although it was doubtful whether definite steps would be taken during the administration of President Wilson.

Burroughs Better. Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 24.—John Burroughs, naturalist, today was "further improved" it was stated at a hospital where he went several days ago for a rest and for treatment of an abscess on the chest.

Wilson Plans To Adhere To Old Custom

President To Accompany Harding On Ride to Capitol; Escort Provided

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Wilson will follow the long established custom of riding to the capitol with the incoming president March 4 under plans of the congressional inaugural committee, approved by the president, it was announced today at the White House.

Whether Mr. Wilson will attend the inaugural ceremonies has not been made known, but he will not accompany Mr. Harding back to the White House, going direct from the capitol to his new home on S street.

Troop Escort Planned. Four troops of cavalry, numbering 350 officers and men, will escort the president and the president-elect to the capitol and then (Continued on Page Four.)

Parents Ask Investigation of High School Secret Society

Initiation; Three Girls Hurt

A broken tooth and severe body bruise of pretty Miss Margaret Pierce, 17, daughter of A. N. Pierce, manager of the Marion hotel, and injuries of a similar nature sustained by Miss Ch. Lotie Zieher and Miss Prudence Patterson in an initiation staged Tuesday night by the "T. A." society, a Salem high school club, precipitated an attack this morning by Mr. Pierce and A. N. Bush, of the Ladd & Bush bank, which threatens to drive the organization from the school.

George W. Hug, superintendent of schools, announced this morning that he will stage an exhaustive probe of the club's activities with a view to ascertaining the exact nature of the outrages charged against the school.

Mr. Pierce said today, Mr. Hug said, he was entirely unaware of the society's existence. Her right knee severely bruised, her body covered with scratches, a front tooth broken out, his daughter returned to the hotel in an extremely nervous condition following the initiation Tuesday night, and is still confined to her bed as a result of the ordeals to which she was subjected, Mr. Pierce said today. Miss Zieher is reported to have sustained a severe scratch on her forehead, while the bruises incurred by Miss Patterson were confined to her back.

Parents Seek Action. Mr. Pierce said this morning he will take the matter up with school officials, and Mr. Bush said he contemplates filing a protest with the public school board.

According to Mr. Pierce, who made public these details with which he had been acquainted, his daughter was first commanded to appear at a local cemetery at 9 o'clock at night, armed with an egg and a bathing suit. Objections from Mr. Pierce were responsible for a change in the preliminaries, however, and it was eventually agreed that Miss Pierce should appear at the court house. Arriving, she was blindfolded and placed in an automobile and taken to a point about which she was later able to tell nothing. Investigation this morning showed that she and the other two "neophytes" were deposited at the state hospital grounds which proved to be the scene of the preliminary initiation.

Hurt While Blindfolded. It was while wandering about blindfolded and unaccompanied that Miss Pierce collided with a piece of iron trellis work and as a result lost a tooth, Mr. Pierce said. "It was then that she rebelled and jerked the handkerchief from her eyes. Previously the girls had been forced to assume an attitude of 'extreme humiliation.'" It was said, and had been "padded" generally.

President-Elect To Say Where Service Is Of Greatest Public Value

Acceptance of Commerce Job Understood To Depend Upon Permission to Make Department Real Trade Factor Instead of Collection of Scientific Bureaus

New York, Feb. 24.—Herbert Hoover declared in a statement today that he had left it to President-elect Harding to decide whether he could be of more service as secretary of commerce or as director of European relief.

In a statement to the Associated Press he said: "I left it to Mr. Harding to determine whether he considered I can be of more service to the public as secretary of commerce or carrying out the public trust already entrusted to me as a private citizen."

New York, Feb. 24.—Herbert Hoover, who has been offered the post of secretary of commerce in President-elect Harding's cabinet, announced here today he had put up to Mr. Harding a proposal for the general reconstruction of the department and an enlargement of its field.

Asked if he would enter the cabinet if his views were met he said he had not "put it up to Mr. Harding in that way."

"It is not a question of 'take it or leave it,'" he said. "Other considerations entering into the matter, Mr. Hoover continued, concerned the European relief administration. He declared he had undertaken the responsibility of directing the expenditure of thirty or forty million dollars in Europe—money contributed by people of American—and he must continue to have general direction over that expenditure.

"As the department of commerce stands today," he said, "it consists largely of a group of scientific bureaus which have only a remote connection with commerce itself."

He added that if he should accept the position he saw a way to make changes which make of it a "real department of commerce."

Man Found Dead In Refrigerator Car Identified

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Feb. 24.—One of the men found dead in a refrigerator car here yesterday, was today identified as Clifford Jockisch of Beardstown, Ill.

The other man is believed to be G. L. Garrett, also of Beardstown, Clifford Dickinson of Chicago who says he knew both men, after viewing the bodies said he believed the body was that of Garrett. Dickinson also identified Jockisch.

The men had been identified by fumes from a charcoal stove.

Man Charged With Selling Short Cords

Arrested on complaint of an operative out of the state weights and measures office, F. C. Crossin was arraigned before Judge G. E. Unruh in the justice court yesterday. He was charged with selling short cords of wood.

According to the complaint, Crossin, who is a farmer residing near Brooks, sold two cords of wood which measured a quarter of a cord short. He took his 24 hours in which to enter a plea.

Shoe Men of State Gather Here for Meet

Early this morning saw the first shoe merchants, their boots highly polished, alight from trains here to attend the state convention of the Retail Shoe Dealers' association which will get underway at the Marion hotel late this afternoon. Dealers from 20 Oregon towns will be present at the meeting.

The stage is all set for the business and entertainment programs, J. P. Littler, head of the local association said this afternoon, and one of the liveliest meetings ever held in the state is in prospect for this evening.

J. G. Caldwell, secretary of the state association, James Lawrence, head of the shoe department at Meier and Frank's, Portland, and Dean Robbins, of the University of Oregon, will be the chief speaker at the business session. Consideration of prices, styles, the leather situation and the financial situation will take up the larger part of the session.

Fifty dealers from Portland alone are in the city, and there are several representatives from wholesale houses. A number of traveling salesmen for shoe concerns will also be in the convention, Mr. Littler said.

A musical program awaits the visitors, and a banquet will be held in the Marion hotel dining room at 6:30 o'clock this evening.

Man Sought for Bigamy Caught

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 24.—E. H. Grosset alleged bigamist and embezzler, said to be wanted by the police of San Francisco and Pittsburgh, as well as Los Angeles, who eluded San Francisco officers February 4, was arrested here today.

Grosset faces here an indictment charging embezzlement. The police said he was wanted in Pittsburgh on three charges and on at least one in San Francisco.

He is said to have married Miss Bertha Gardner, daughter of a San Francisco attorney, and while that marriage was still in effect, contracted another in Chicago. The second wife, known as Mrs. E. D. Gardner, is said to be employed as a nurse in a local hospital.

Turks Ready to Accept Allied Decision, Claim. London, Feb. 24.—Rehad Pasha, delegate of the Constantinople government to the Near East conference here, speaking for both his group and that of the nationalists, told the allied conferees today that both factions of the Turks would accept the decisions of the allies.

The attitude of the Turks made an excellent impression upon the conferees. Premier Briand of France declared after the sitting that the conference had gone a long way towards a settlement.

Man Pays Fine of \$10 for Speeding

Arraigned before Police Judge Earl Race this morning, Harry White of this city, pleaded guilty to a charge of speeding his automobile and paid a fine of \$10.

White was arrested Tuesday by Traffic Officer Miller Hayden.

Jack Pickford III. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 24.—Jack Pickford, motion picture actor, brother to Mary Pickford, is 25 at his home here in his bronchial pneumonia and was said by his physician today to be in a serious condition. They expected the crisis to be reached today.