

# President Orders Inquiry Into Soldier Aid

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### Charles Leaves Country

Emperor Departs Via Austria After Futile Attempt to Regain Throne  
Budapest, April 5.—Former Emperor Charles departed from the Austrian border at 10:35 o'clock this morning on his way out of Hungary. The Austrian government at 10:35 o'clock this morning made this announcement in the national assembly this afternoon.  
A special train with the Austrian official escort is in waiting.

### Viviani's Mission Here One of Friendship Sounds Out Sentiment

Washington, April 5.—Rene Viviani, former premier of France, in a statement today to the Associated Press, said the purpose of his visit to the United States was to sound public opinion in America and inform the American people of conditions in France.  
The French envoy expressed gratification at the sentiment favorable to France he had observed in conferences with leading public officials.  
The statement of the former French premier was the first he has made since his arrival in the United States in which the purposes of his mission was set forth. In connection with his conferences here M. Viviani said he had authorized one to state conclusions he had drawn, presumably having reference to dispatches published abroad purporting to outline his views.



### Drager Closes Contract

Deal Smashes Past Records; Shipment Cleans Up Larger Sizes Here  
The largest deal in prunes of this season and the largest single shipment ever made from the northwest, has been concluded by W. F. Drager, of the Drager Fruit company of Salem, for export abroad. Approximately 1,450,000 pounds of Oregon, Washington and California prunes are being shipped to Germany, having been purchased within the past two weeks by the Drager Fruit company.  
Of this quantity 1,025,000 pounds were purchased from the Oregon Growers Cooperative association, 300,000 pounds from the Washington Growers Cooperative association and 125,000 pounds from the Dundee Prune Growers association.  
The prunes have been sold to Germany and will be shipped during the present month by steamer from Portland, Or. The sizes represented in this sale are 70-80c, 80-90c, 90-100c and 100-120c. While the prices for these prunes are low, it is practically a clean up of these sizes in the northwest.  
Drager Deserves Credit  
Credit for making the sale is due to W. F. Drager, manager of the Drager Fruit company, who reports it as perhaps the largest single shipment ever made from the northwest. "We have hopes," says Mr. Drager, "of being able to report additional shipments for export, but foreign business is very difficult on account of the rates of exchange. We are making every effort possible to clean up the 1920 crop of prunes, and unless large quantities are sold for export there will be no clean up before the new crop is ready for shipment."  
Obstacles Overcome  
While considerable gossip has been written up by the Portland and local newspapers regarding this sale to Germany, the fact is, Mr. Drager, realizing that some concrete effort must be made to move part of our large surplus of prunes, started negotiations through his connections several weeks ago. Little encouragement was offered at first but through persistent arguments the contract was finally secured.  
The body of Orley P. Chase, son of Marshal O. P. Chase of Corvallis, who lost his life on a French battlefield, has arrived at Hoboken, N. J., and will be shipped to Corvallis for burial.

### LIGHTNING STRIKES CAR; PASSENGERS ARE UNHURT

Chicago, April 5.—Lightning completely destroyed a Halstead street car during a recent storm, but the only injury to the thirty passengers was the nervous shock to several women who fainted.  
The bolt followed a weird course, first striking a flagpole and shattering it, then leaping to the trolley wire. For a block it played along the copper strand until it came to the ill-fated car. There was a report like a bomb explosion which was heard blocks away and the car began to burn.

### Growers To Form Concern

Cooperative Concern To Take Over Kurtz Company Plant Is Announcement  
Articles of incorporation will be filed this week for the Producers Canning and Packing company with a capital stock of \$125,000, a cooperative concern organized on radically different lines from that of existing corporations, which will take over and operate the fruit cannery, evaporator and packing plant of the F. A. Kurtz Co. at Salem. Of the capital stock over \$100,000 has been subscribed by local growers and it is expected the remaining stock will be taken up in a few days. Over a thousand acres of producing berry and fruit orchards are represented by the subscribers.  
Under the plan of operation, the growers will receive all that is in the crop after the expense of processing and marketing is deducted. There will be no big salaries or heavy overhead, which wrecks so many cooperative concerns. The manager will be paid on a commission basis for sales made. In brief the aim of the incorporators is to combine the best features of cooperative concerns with the best features of individual ownership and secure to the producer the full value of his produce.  
Fruits and berries are to be packed, preserved, stored, dried and transported at actual cost. For all products, canned, juiced and dried, ten percent of the receipts are to be set aside for stock dividends, taxes, upkeep and repairs, insurance and management. Of this 10 percent, 20 percent will go to management. The growers receive 90 percent of the receipts, less actual cost of packing and shipping. For all dried fruits delivered by stockholders to company's plant, the company shall pack and dispose of at actual cost, reserving 5 percent of selling price for stockholders.  
F. A. Kurtz will act as general manager on commission basis. The board of directors will be elected at the first meeting after incorporation.  
The company has been promoted by M. E. Lee of Portland, who is the originator of this plan of successful cooperation, at the request of those interested. Arrangements have been completed to finance the growing of members crops.  
Schonbein first made gun cotton in 1845.

### Dawes Committee Told To Determine Reason for Abuses

Government System of Caring for Disabled War Veterans To Be Fully Investigated With Aim of Correcting Errors and Strengthening Necessary Organization  
Washington, April 25.—President Harding today asked his special commission, headed by Charles G. Dawes of Chicago, to make "diligent inquiry" of government department heads in an effort to find out just where the government agencies have been "lacking in authority, neglectful or failing" in caring for disabled service men. He also asked that investigation be made of "the abuses which have developed."  
Mr. Dawes, who called on the president today at the White House, announced that the president's wishes would be carried out to the letter and that the inquiry would not be directed into controversial or extended subjects.  
Neglect Charges Made.  
"I have asked you to meet and make an investigation into the administration of the law for caring for the crippled and injured soldiers of the late world war," said the president's statement. "There have been numerous complaints that the government is neglecting the becoming care of these defenders, to whom it owes every consideration, and there is further complaint that there is tardiness in dealing with them and their claims which grew out of their service."  
"I should like to make diligent inquiry of department heads or with those associated with them, in an effort to find out just where the government agencies are in any way lacking in authority, neglectful or failing to carry out what is the unquestioned intent of congress in its enactment of laws and the making of appropriations."  
There need be no inquiry into the intent of the government, because I think it is well understood that every agency desires to deal justly and generously with those of its defenders who were impaired in the nation's defense.  
To Probe Abuses.  
"I think it would be well, while you are making inquiry as to the failure to care for these service men that you also make inquiry into the abuses which have developed, and look carefully into the regulations adopted so that you may know their probable effect in the future. It is well to realize that the American people want to prove the republic's gratitude of these men."  
"The regulations adopted at this time are likely to be in effect for a full half century to come. In order to deal justly with these men and carry out a permanent policy it is exceedingly important to start on a firm foundation."  
Mr. Dawes told his commission that it was known that a "deplorable situation exists" and that the president and congress were avowedly to remedy it.

### Race Scored For Mixing In Row At Council Meet; Gestures Bring Protests

Sharp protest against outsiders participating in the proceedings of the Salem city council was voiced by Alderman F. L. Utter, at the regular meeting last night, which served as a prelude of an address begun by City Recorder Earl Race who had risen to remonstrate at some of the remarks made by Dr. Utter.  
"I protest against this," Dr. Utter interjected in a shout, as Recorder Race gestured in his direction. "I want to know why Race has the floor. This council is for council members. If he's going to talk, let him address the chair."  
"He did address the chair," Mayor Halvorsen interposed.  
"Well, I don't want him shaking his finger at me."  
The clash between Dr. Utter and Mr. Race came as the climax to a long, sleep-inducing controversy relative to the advisability of installing a relief sewer in North Salem. Arguments, long and short, heated and mild, had been heard.

### Assom Day Postponed; New Date April 17

Meeting that the orchards will be in full bloom by April 10, some day has been postponed a week later, April 17.  
Bing C. E. Knowland, of Cherrians, and T. E. McCross of the Commercial club, made up over the route through the orchards and after interviewing farmers yesterday decided if strangers wished to see the best of the event would be postponed.  
Cherrians, according to the Bing, will be called out for in some capacity that day, each man will be expected to take care of two cars, to take care of visitors which will arrive by a special automobile committee has been appointed which composed of Paul Stego, chairman, F. G. Delano, O. L. Fisher, Gilbert, Lester Davis, C. H. Dr. O. A. Olsen, Clarence Middleton, E. L. Kapphan, and J. W. Macy is in charge of committee which will have charge of directing strangers to the proper routes. Those who will serve with Macy are: George D. Alderin, Carl Gabriel, George G. Brown, James B. Williams, William Gahlsdorf, Albert Sille, Otto Hartman, Karie E. E. W. J. Kaerth, V. E. Kuhn, Langenberg, Fred Mangis, J. Patton, Lloyd T. Rigdon, George Riches, W. I. Staley, Frank Spears, C. E. Wilson, A. L. Jace.

Once the council had voted to begin work. A few minutes later it had voted to reconsider. The sewer was to cost approximately \$4884. This, some of the aldermen felt, oughtn't to be spent at the present time. Statements were made and questions asked concerning the city's financial status. Opinions varied widely. Then, as a result of two opposing statements made by Alderman Ed Schunke and City Treasurer Clyde Rice, Dr. Utter suddenly sprang from a crouch.  
Charles Bring Storm.  
"It looks to me," he declared, "like we have about two men who don't know what they're talking." (Continued on Page Six.)

### President Is Not Committed to Any Single Peace Plan

Washington, April 5.—President Harding is not committed to any definite program with regard to a congressional declaration to declare the state of war with Germany at an end.  
While the president voted for the Knox resolution when he was a member of the senate and spoke favorably with regard to it in his address of acceptance, he is understood to feel that there is no occasion for precipitate action at this time.  
The president's views with regard to the peace program are expected to be known at the opening session of the new congress which the executive may address in person. Meantime it is known that the president and his advisers are growing more and more convinced that there is no practical way to consider the Versailles covenant.

### P.S.C. Has No Hand In Arid Lands Rates

The public service commission has no jurisdiction over the rates charged by a company engaged in the reclamation of arid lands under contract with the state. This is the gist of an opinion handed down by the supreme court this morning dismissing the petition for a writ of mandamus filed by the Central Oregon Irrigation company against the public service commission of Oregon in an effort to compel a hearing on its application for an increase in its "maintenance fee" to settlers on the Central Oregon Irrigation district in Deschutes county.  
Other opinions were handed down by the court today as follows:  
E. T. Johnson, et al, vs. City of Prineville, appellant; appeal from Crook county; suit to set aside engineer's award on contract made between plaintiffs and city of Prineville for construction of railroad grade from that city to main line railway; opinion by Chief Justice Burnett. Judge J. U. Campbell affirmed.  
E. T. Johnson et al, appellants, vs. City of Prineville, appeal from Crook county; companion suit to above arising out of efforts of plaintiffs to revise estimates and final award of engineer relative to work on railroad grade; opinion by Chief Justice Burnett. Judge J. U. Campbell reversed and case remanded.  
W. R. Bagot & company, plaintiffs and appellants, vs. Inter-mountain Milling company; appeal from Multnomah county; suit arising over alleged breach of contract; opinion by Justice Johns. Judge Robert Tucker affirmed.  
Redmond P. Marshall, et al, appellants, vs. J. H. Middleton, executor, and Bessie M. Marshall, executrix; appeal from Multnomah county; suit to recover money; submitted on rehearing. Former opinion affirming lower court sustained in opinion by Justice McBride.  
Hydraulic Mining company, appellant, vs. Elizabeth A. Smith, appeal from Josephine county; suit to quiet title to mining property. Opinion by Justice Bean. Judge F. M. Calkins affirmed.  
Air Chief Coming.  
Colonel H. H. Arnold, chief of the western department, United States air service, will arrive here tomorrow by airplane for a short conference with Governor Olcott. It was learned here late this afternoon.

### City's Money Comes Back When Man Pays Fine for Drunkenness

Fifteen of \$17 which he had earned as an employe of the city of Salem went back into the municipality's coffers this morning when Walter Ready, 454 North Church street, appeared before Police Judge Earl Race and pleaded guilty to a charge of being intoxicated.  
"This is perfectly good city money, isn't it?" Judge Race queried, after Ready had confessed he had about \$17 in cash, earned by digging sewer for the community. With some reluctance Ready admitted that, so far as he knew, the currency was untainted.  
"All right, we'll take \$15 of it," Judge Race announced. "I was going to take it all, but this will leave you about \$2 to get a job on. By the way, you got your job through this office, didn't you?" Ready nodded his head.  
"Rather discouraging to give you that," Ready said.

### Two Shipments of California Spuds Condemned, Report

Portland, Or., April 5.—Two shipments of potatoes from California comprising seven boxes, one coming by express and six by boat, were condemned here yesterday by J. E. E. Stansberry, state horticulture inspector and his assistants, who said they found numbers of tuber worms in the shipments.  
The tuber worm has never been found in Oregon, according to the inspector, and every effort will be made to keep it out of the state.

### Greek Defeats At Hands of Turkish Troops Increase

Constantinople, April 5.—Greek forces in north Asia Minor seem to be in danger of losing Bursa upon which city the Turkish nationalists are advancing in superior numbers. The Greek casualties during the past ten days on the Eski-Shehr front are estimated at 150 officers and 4000 men. Ismet Pasha, Turkish commander at Eski-Shehr, is issuing wireless dispatches comparing the Turkish victory there to the battle of the Marne. He adds in his statement that he was a student of Marshal Joffre.  
The Greek debacle at Eski-Shehr is said to have been due to the failure of a division in the Sogut section to advance in conjunction with a division from Bilejik to the north, and another from Inegol to the southwest.  
Severe losses have been inflicted upon the Greeks and the morale of the troops is said to be poor despite the large number of priests who are with them and encouraging them in the battle. Their constant fight against superior numbers and the fact that they have few reserves tended to discourage the Greek divisions on this part of the front.

### Y. M. C. A. To Have Swimming Campaign

"Every Boy a Swimmer," will be the slogan during the swimming campaign to be carried on by the Y. M. C. A. during the summer months, according to a decision made by the board of directors of the organization at a meeting this noon.  
The campaign will be handled through a committee of the board, and arrangements will be made to have Tom Gawley of the Portland association come down and lend his aid.

### Hop Market Good Says Growers Just Back from England

Independence, April 5.—Major, superintendent of the big hop ranch south of this city, with Mrs. Rose, just returned from an extended visit in England, says business conditions gradually improving in that country. The hop market, he says, is to be in a healthy condition with prospects for fair price. Last year, said the English crop was late maturing with the result that a boys were not harvested in best of condition.  
English gold as a medium of circulation, he said, has entirely disappeared. Ten shillings, one

### Traffic Force Arrests 16 Here; Prominent Men To Be In Police Court Today

"The banker, the baker, and one undertaker —"  
It is reasonable to presume that E. Vance Cook, J. Whitcombe Riley, B. V. D., or whoever wrote the nursery stanzas, will overlook inadvertent misquotations occurring in an effort to state, in brief, that Judge Earl Race will this afternoon be host to the largest, and perhaps the queerest, groups of alleged law violators who ever doffed their respective toppers in a Salem police court.  
Between the hours of 8 and 10 last night, 16 motorists, including representatives of banks, business houses, morticians' parlors, agricultural interests and other lines of endeavor felt the heavy hand of the law metaphorically descend on the well-fitting collars of their respective necks.  
Charges Are Varied.  
The list of those arrested last night together with the charges against them, follows:  
David Eyre, president of the United States National bank, arrested by Hayden, no tail light burning.  
Bruce Cunningham, fruit grower, arrested by Rafferty, no tail light burning.  
A. M. Clough, undertaker, arrested by Hayden, no tail light burning.  
F. A. Schram, Seattle business man, arrested by Victor, no tail light burning.  
J. D. Dougan, musician, arrested by Hayden, speeding.  
J. W. Hyatt, arrested by Inspector Campbell, no tail light burning.  
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### Rogue Crop Is Saved By Queer Freak

Medford, Or., April 5.—What Federal Forecaster Young declared a "weather freak" saved the fruit crop of Rogue river valley from damage last night. Twenty five above was predicted but contrary to all climatic principles, clouds covered the valley and refused to go away this morning until the danger had passed, the minimum recorded being 39.5 with the temperature rising today local ranchers are hopeful the danger of any serious damage this season is over.