



OREGON: Tonight and Thursday generally fair; moderate westerly winds.

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Poles Seek to Annex Territory Thru Force

New Hun Offer Is Denied

Reports of Further Reparations Proposals Being Made Are Unfounded

London, May 4.—A German official dispatch from Berlin this afternoon says there is no foundation for the report that Germany has made a new reparations offer to the allies.

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Cabinet Discusses Plans

Berlin, May 4.—The German cabinet met this forenoon in anticipation of discussing developments at London. A meeting was held yesterday but no action was taken relative to the reparations problem.

While the Berlin government was not unprepared for the answer today in the American state department's reply to Foreign Minister Simons, both the foreign minister and his colleagues in the cabinet had hoped that Secretary Hughes' answer would be a trifle more precise in indicating the American interpretation of "clear definite and adequate proposals." To this extent the American answer left the cabinet in a confused state of mind, it was stated.

U. S. Reply Not Clear

"We are not clear in our minds just what the United States government means in connection with its suggestion that we make direct proposals," a cabinet official declared. "For instance, it is obviously difficult for us to make clear and definite proposals because for one thing we are dependent upon a multitude of economic factors which we do not control. This is one of the reasons why we suggest the installation of a commission of experts to pass on our productive capacity."

Champoeg Will Be Mecca of Pioneers Again in Saturday

The 75th anniversary and 21st celebration of Founder's day at Champoeg will be held next Saturday under the auspices of the Oregon Pioneer association and the Oregon Historical society.

President of the Day P. H. Wray will deliver the address, and other speakers will be present. A basket dinner will be served at 12 and a program will be rendered after dinner.

The opening number on the program will be a song, "Star Spangled Banner," by the veteran quartet composed of W. M. Moore, Dr. J. E. Hall, H. W. Mills and Prof. Z. M. Parvin.

Pioneer sons and daughters and pioneers in general are invited to attend the celebration. The steamer Relief has been chartered to run from Oregon City

Millions In Gold Aboard Big Steamer

Christiania, Norway, May 4.—The Scandinavian-American line steamer United States, due in New York May 11, has on board 70 sacks of gold bullion, valued at several million dollars, consigned from the Swedish mail service as first class mail. The gold is Russian bolshevik gold re-melted by the Swedish royal mint.

Last year the Swedish mint re-melted and refined nineteen tons of Russian gold; and so far this year has handled seventy tons. Most of this gold is destined for the United States.

Basis For Agreement Is Sought

Owners and Shipping Board Officials Confer With Hoover and Davis On Strike

Washington, May 4.—Prospects for an immediate settlement of the shipping wage controversy were said to be anything but bright by officials here today.

Washington, May 4.—Representatives of American steamship lines and the shipping board were in conference today with Secretaries Davis and Hoover in a further effort to reach some common ground for a settlement of the controversy with the marine workers over wages and working conditions. Before the meeting the labor secretary conferred with the representatives of the unions.

Non-Union Crew Signed

By Vessel at Portland

Portland, Or., May 4.—The steamer Eastern Guide, which has been fully loaded since Saturday awaiting settlement of the marine workers strike, is scheduled to sail late today with a full non-union crew, James W. Crichton, district representative of the division of operations of the shipping board, announced this morning.

to Champoeg for the convenience of people in the northern part of the state who wish to attend, and will be in charge of Captain William C. Lumm of Portland. No stops will be made south of Oregon City except at Wilsonville. Returning the steamer will leave Champoeg at 4 o'clock, connecting with Oregon Electric trains north and south at Wilsonville.

Sugar Drops To Pre-War Level

San Francisco, May 4.—Refined cane sugar at the refineries dropped to the pre-war level today when \$7 a hundred pounds was quoted.

90 Moros Killed In Sunday Clash By Constabulary

Manila, May 3.—Ninety Moros, including Maharajah Untong, a religious fanatic leader, were killed Sunday by a detachment of Philippine constabulary in an engagement near Taglibi, on the island of Mindanao, some 500 miles from here, according to advices received today at constabulary headquarters here.

The slaying of the Moros followed the murder Saturday of Lieutenant D. Velasquez and three constabulary troopers. After killing the four men, the Moros took their guns and escaped. All available constabulary forces of the department of Mindanao, stationed on Balabac, were dispatched in

Rafferty Bail Came Out of Chief's Roll

Light on the circumstances surrounding the arrest and subsequent bail forfeiture of T. A. Rafferty, chief traffic inspector of the state, which took place here recently, and which is to be probed by a special committee of the city council, was seen this morning in the statement by Chief of Police Moffitt that he had put up the bail for Chief Rafferty.

"Rafferty was out of town at the time he was cited to appear," Chief Moffitt said. "He has helped out this office considerably. So I put up the \$5 bond out of my own pocket, and it was that which was forfeited when Mr. Rafferty failed to appear."

Rumor had it that Chief Rafferty was unaware that a date for his hearing before Judge Race had been set. On motion of Councilman Moore, the aldermen at their meeting Monday night voted to have the affair investigated. Rafferty, it was said, had made known the fact that he had never put up bond at the police station.

The special committee, composed of Aldermen Patton and Moore and the members of the police committee, will hold a meeting next Friday.

Chief Rafferty was arrested here on the evening of April 6 by Traffic Officer Miller Hayden. Rafferty, according to Hayden, was driving his automobile without headlights and with no tail light burning. He was accosted by Hayden on a downtown street.

Durdall Back Says Charge Is 'Mistake'

Nervously fidgeting in his chair in the office of Sheriff O. D. Bower, C. Burton Durdall, Salem merchant, brought back this afternoon from Roseburg to answer to a charge of obtaining \$1500 by false pretenses from the United States National bank, answered a few questions put to him, declared that "it must be a mistake," and then closed up with clam lips finality and thoroughness.

"I can't figure it out—it must be a mistake," Durdall said, as he ran his fingers through his hair. "You see I've been ill," he added in an explanatory manner. "Did you expect to return to Salem?"

Oh, yes, my attorney knew where I was all the time. Who is your attorney?" Mr. Heltzel.

"You were just going to California for your health?" "I'd rather not talk," Durdall placed his head in his hands.

Durdall was arrested yesterday morning in Roseburg on information furnished by Sheriff Bower. In a complaint filed yesterday he is charged with unlawfully representing that he was solvent and a man of wealth for the purpose of inducing the United States National bank to loan him \$1500. District Attorney Carson said yesterday that, at the time Durdall left, his liabilities were approximately \$20,000 and his assets about \$8000.

Durdall was returned to Salem by Deputy Sheriff Lee Morelock. Mrs. Durdall, who was with her husband at the time of his arrest, remained in Roseburg. When Durdall was first arrested she insisted on remaining in the cell with him. He will probably be arraigned in the justice court this afternoon.

Morley Pays \$125 Fine on Booze Charge

F. W. Morley of Silverton, appeared before Judge G. E. Urnuth in the justice court yesterday afternoon and pleaded guilty to a charge of having intoxicating liquor in his possession. He paid a fine of \$125.

Morley was arrested in one of the raids conducted in various parts of the county recently.

Anti-Jap Board Is Selected

Johnson Names Executive Committee of Westerners to Watch Alien Problem

Washington, May 4.—Announcement of an executive committee of congress from western states to co-operate in action on measures dealing with Japanese immigration and land ownership was made today by Senator Johnson, republican, California, who recently was chosen chairman of the joint conference of the congressional representatives of those states.

The executive committee consists of one senator and one representative from each of the western states. They are: Arizona, Senator Ashurst, Representative Heydan.

Colorado, Senator Phipps, Representative Timberlake. Idaho, Senator Borah, Representative Smith.

Montana, Senator Walsh, Representative McCormick. Nebraska, Senator Norris. Nevada, Senator Pittman, Representative Arenas.

New Mexico, Senator Jones, Representative Montoya. Oklahoma, Senator Harrell, Representative McClintock. Oregon, Senator McNary, Representative Sinnott.

Texas, Senator Sheppard, Representative Garner. Utah, Senator King, Representative Letherwood.

Washington, Senator Poindexter, Representative Miller.

The entire California delegation will be a committee of the whole acting as a unit with the executive committee, whenever occasion arises.

Landis Denies Quitting Bench For Baseball

Chicago, May 4.—Judge K. M. Landis in a formal statement today denied reports that he had resigned from the federal bench to devote his time to his position as baseball commissioner. The statement was as follows:

"I have not resigned, nor have I said anything that could have been construed into a statement that I have resigned."

Judge Landis would not say why he had refused to set any cases beyond June 15, a fact which caused reports that he would resign in June.

Rain and Cold Hit Orchards Hard Is Claim

Portland, Or., May 4.—Frosts in the last two weeks did considerable damage to peaches, apricots, plums and apples in southeastern counties of Oregon, according to a review today by Edward L. Wells, weather observer.

In Marion county, he said, logan berries are found to have suffered some winter-killing. Prunes are dropping rather heavily in western counties. The calyx spray is being applied to apples. The weather has been unfavorable for pollination of late fruits in northwestern counties. Aphids are causing some damage to prunes.

County Pays Anti-Saloon League \$996 For Crusade; \$500 Returned Thru Fines

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Troops Occupy Silesia

Plebiscite Results Ignored and Troops Are Invading Territory Reports Say

Oppeln, Upper Silesia, May 4.—Organized Polish forces, estimated at 30,000 have occupied all of Upper Silesia south of a line running from Kosel to Tarnowitz, with the exception of a few large towns, and are now moving further north ward, according to information supplied by a member of the inter-allied representation here.

Surround Italian Troops. Today, according to this source, the Poles are marching into Gross Etrehlitz, north of the line mentioned, in a well ordered manner, using motor lorries and being supplied with rifles, machine guns and dynamite.

Italian troops at Rybnik, well south of plebiscite area, comprising a regiment of infantry and two machine gun companies, are surrounded by 3000 Poles and a pitched battle has been going on for several hours, the informant stated this afternoon. The Italian known dead are three officers, one of them of high rank, and twelve privates.

Partial Survey of Orchards Reveals Damage to Prunes

A thorough investigation made by S. H. Van Trump, county fruit inspector, yesterday of 100 acres or orchard land on the Garden road north of the asylum revealed that there will be but a small prune crop in that section of the county this year.

The prunes are falling off the old trees, but the young petites seem to have set well and a good crop is expected of these. The orchards surveyed were on low ground.

Conditions around Shaw, according to reports received recently by the inspector, are spotted. Great damage has been done by thrips, and the old trees there seem to be shedding.

Covering about 150 acres of land one mile west of Kaiser Bottom, Mr. Van Trump found that prunes were not making their normal growth. A large percentage of them are on the ground, and here as in other districts the old trees are falling to hold their prunes.

As to what the crop of Italian prunes will be in this section, Van Trump said, that he was unable to tell, though the Petites seem to be in every good condition.

This tremendous shedding is due, stated Mr. Van Trump to either the effect of weather conditions while blooming, or the heavy crop last year. Also the freeze of two years ago might be still having its effect.

The prospects of a large crop of cherries is good as well as loganberries. Further surveys throughout the county will be made later as the season advances.

Revision Made In Schedule For Twilight Games

Revision of the schedule for the Twilight league was made last night at a meeting of the schedule committee of the organization.

The first game will be between the Valley Packing company and the Y. M. C. A. on Willamette field, Monday, May 9. The Bankers and the American Legion teams which joined the organization last night, will meet for the first game on May 13.

The schedule as revised is: May 9, Valley Packing Co. vs. Y. M. C. A.; May 11, Spauldings vs. State House; May 13, American Legion vs. Bankers; May 16, Valley Packing Co. vs. American Legion; May 18, Spauldings vs. Y. M. C. A.; May 20, State House vs. Bankers; May 23, Bankers vs. Spauldings; May 25, Y. M. C. A. vs. American Legion; May 27, State House vs. Valley Packing Co.; May 30, Y. M. C. A. vs. Bankers; June 2, State House vs. American Legion; June 4, Spauldings vs. Valley Packing Co.; June 6, Y. M. C. A. vs. State House; June 8, Spauldings vs. American Legion; June 10, Valley Packing Co. vs. Bankers.

Bomb Plot Revealed

Tokio, April 2.—Japanese newspapers report that an attempt was made near Harbin to destroy a Japanese troop train with bombs. The train was carrying troops of the Shishuoka regiment who are to relieve the Manchuria garrison. Lieutenant Koshiba and two soldiers were killed while others were more or less seriously wounded.