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RUSSIA IS DENIED AMERICAN TRADE

Big Changes in Economic System Prerequisite to Renewing Relations.

Washington, D. C.—The American government notified the soviet authorities in Russia that resumption of trade between Russia and the United States could not be considered until fundamental changes had been made in the economic system underlying the soviet regime.

Safety of human life, guaranty of property rights, free labor and observance of the sanctity of contracts were among the requirements laid down in a note by Secretary Hughes as essential if trade relations are to be renewed.

The communication added that "convincing evidence of the consummation of such changes" must be furnished before this government cared even to discuss the subject.

The note was in reply to the appeal recently addressed by the soviet regime to President Harding and congress asking that trade relations between the United States and Russia be restored and proposing to send a delegation to the United States to negotiate.

Unlike previous official pronouncements of the American government's attitude toward the soviet regime, Secretary Hughes' note dealt solely with the economic aspects of the problem, and made no attempt to discuss the political shortcomings of the unrecognized bolshevist government.

WILL PROBE CARE OF DISABLED VETERANS

Washington, D. C.—President Harding has decided to have an exhaustive investigation made of government care of disabled war veterans. Within a few days he will select a special committee of inquiry.

The president, it was said, was determined to lay the situation before congress and the country to correct possible abuses. The investigators will be instructed to recommend any remedial legislation.

Twelve thousand government beds throughout the country have been found available for ex-service men, and will soon be utilized for relief of many suffering former soldiers, President Harding announced after the cabinet meeting. The president some time ago appealed to all department heads to look into the hospital situation in view of the shortage complained of for proper care of ailing ex-service men. Heads of departments by checking up all facilities, he said, had discovered a total of about 12,000 waiting beds that can soon be of service. This, the president hoped, would go far toward relieving suffering among afflicted soldiers.

FINE HAT MAKING A PHILIPPINE ART



This Filipina is making a Philippine hat, which is becoming quite popular with both men and women in the United States, and is usually a source of great pride to the wearer.

Midwest West States Fruit Crops Suffer. Chicago, Ill.—Reports received here from various sections of the Middle and Southwest states indicate that the recent cold wave did extensive damage to fruit crops.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

The Crater Lake Oil & Gas company has leased several thousand acres near Merrill.

Hubbard Bilyon, 72, a resident of Oregon and Linn county for 69 years, is dead at Albany.

A coast artillery company of the Oregon National Guard, with 70 men enlisted, was mustered at Albany.

W. T. Kutch, one of the oldest pioneers of Oregon, celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday at Carlton last week.

Improvements to cost \$75,000 have been started on the naval radio station on Youngs bay, south of Astoria.

Reduced rates on lumber and shingles from the Pacific northwest to eastern markets are effective March 31.

The Dalles police have started a coast-wide search for W. J. One, local merchant, who disappeared last Monday night.

Wheat stocks now held by Umatilla county farmers will be assessed at 60 cents a bushel, according to R. O. Hawks, assessor.

The Malheur county farm bureau has fixed the wages of farm laborers for the coming season at 20 cents an hour, room and board.

Daniel Lane, living eight miles north of La Grande, was burned to death in his home when flames completely destroyed his residence.

Farmers from all sections of Marion county assembled in Salem and organized what will be known as the Salem Broccoli association.

Early construction of the \$125,000 municipal auditorium in The Dalles, bonds for which were voted last summer, has been decided on.

A. C. Hawlett, who celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday at Eagle Point on March 16, is rounding out 63 years as a newspaper correspondent.

Taxes levied on gasoline and distillate sold in Oregon during the period February 26, 1919, to February 25, 1921, netted the state \$554,272.

The Eugene office of the United States employment service sent 49 people out to jobs during the last week. Of this number 11 were farm hands.

The Gold Hill cement plant, which suspended operations last December, has resumed with a crew of 110 men. The output of the plant is 1200 barrels daily.

L. H. McMahon of Salem has filed with the state engineer's office an application to appropriate 150 second feet of water from Mill creek and the North Fork of the Santiam river for the development of 312 horsepower.

Joseph C. Poeschl, slayer of Charles J. Schnabel, prominent Portland attorney, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury which recommended the maximum penalty under the law of life imprisonment.

A committee from the Eugene chamber of commerce has been appointed to act with a like committee from the University of Oregon to arrange for a formal dedication of the woman's building at the university of Oregon early in May.

Director Davis of the reclamation service is expected to name the commission within a few days which is to make an examination of the Deschutes irrigation project in Oregon, for which congress has made an initial appropriation of \$400,000.

There are approximately 925,000 acres of irrigated land in Oregon, exclusive of Deschutes county, which has about 75,000 acres under water, according to a report of the United States census bureau received at the offices of Percy A. Cupper, state engineer.

Examination of stills seized in Deschutes county reveals the fact that the man who drinks moonshine whiskey literally takes his life in his hands, Sheriff Roberts declares. Evidence shows that 70 per cent of Deschutes county distillers are rank amateurs.

The divorce action of Marjorie Hawley against Willard P. Hawley Jr., of Oregon City, appealed from Clackamas county, will be heard by the Oregon supreme court early in June, according to an announcement made by Arthur Benson, clerk of the supreme court.

Rev. Ernest M. Smith, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of McMinnville, died at the church parsonage from blood poisoning. The infection came from poison oak in his eye and a small boil on the cheek.

Three is a Crowd



FROM "OVER THE HILL"

J. H. Ridenour has returned from a visit to Auburn and Portland.

Mrs. Louis VanWinkle and Mrs. John Banister of Weston, were visiting in Athena Wednesday.

Miss Julia McFadden of Corvallis, is in the city, a guest at the home of her brother, C. L. McFadden.

Benny Gerking was up from the Saylor ranch near Echo, visiting his mother over Sunday, at the home of Mrs. Ann Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walter and children spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Walter in Walla Walla.

Mrs. William Winship and daughter Miss Mildred, have returned from Pullman and LaCrosse, Wash., where they visited with two of Mrs. Winship's brothers.

Mrs. George Gerking and daughter Miss Blanche, visited during the Easter vacation at Spokane, where Miss Lillian Gerking is attending school.

Mrs. Delbert Clore and little daughter Betty Jean are in the city from their home at Vale, Malheur county visiting Mrs. Clore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor.

Worth Watts came down from Pullman Wednesday to enjoy a few days vacation over the Easter period at the home of his parents in Athena. Worth drove down in his car.

In honor of Miss Areta Littlejohn who is here from U. of O. for the Easter vacation, Miss Lucinda Dell and Miss Audra Winship entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Samuel Haworth. A large party of school friends were the guests.

Athena-Weston Post, American Legion, will give a dance at the opera house tomorrow evening, three hundred invitations having been sent out for the occasion.

Ray Jones, who made a trip one day this week to the mountain ranch to bring out a load of potatoes, found the roads in first class condition. The mountain folk are taking advantage of weather conditions to get their spring work under way.

P. L. McElhaney has returned to Athena and is again proprietor of a pool hall he sold before departing for Walla Walla, where he resided with his family since leaving here. He purchased the business from Sam Haworth, and will remove his family to Athena from Walla Walla at once.

Thomas Meighan the great Paramount star will be seen tomorrow evening at the Standard Theatre in one of his latest and best productions, "The Prince Chap." Sunday the bill at the Standard will be "A Midnight Romance," the great stage play, with Anita Stewart as the star. Wednesday night, Paramount will send Ethel Clayton in "A Ladder of Lies." The Wednesday night programs have been strengthened with a block of straight Paramount attractions.

The Etude club was entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. B. Boyd, with Mrs. O. C. Hadley as leader of the following program: History of Music, Mrs. Michener; History of Opera, Miss Lowther; Story of La Traviata and Lucia d'Ammermoor, Mrs. Emmel; Story of Carmen and Martha, Mrs. Eager; opera music on Brunswick—La Boheme, Rigoletta, Tales of Hoffman, La Tosca. Refreshments were served by Mrs. McEwen and Mrs. Hill.

Best Will Give Street Dance. Athena-Weston American Legion Post is contemplating giving a street dance in Athena in the near future for both social and financial reasons. Permission will be asked of the city

council for privilege of using a portion of one of the downtown paved streets for the dance.

It is proposed to sell tickets to the dance at one dollar each, and a ticket entitles the holder thereof to dance and will also give him one share on a Stradivara phonograph valued at \$350. With the phonograph will go records to the amount of \$25. The phonograph will be awarded the shareholder of a ticket by a method in fairness to all shareholders and by no means associated with lottery practices.

A number of Legion Posts in the Northwest, in order to raise funds are disposing of automobiles, musical instruments, etc., at the present time on the basis of selling shares. A Portland Post is now selling shares in a Stutz automobile and the Post at Milton has a Ford car up for disposal by the same method.

The Athena-Weston Post is in need of funds to finance the current expenses of the organization. At a meeting held Monday night, the members adopted the above plan.

Judge Richards' Busy Day.

Yesterday was a busy day in Judge Richards' court. He disposed with two cases, both defendants being bound over to the grand jury.

To begin with, A. Walker walked into a warehouse at Havana, "lifted" a pair of shoes, a couple of razors, a bar of soap, etc., and turned round and walked right out again. He was arrested by Officer Stone and members of State Highway force and put in the city jail. The articles he took belonged to a crew of highway workmen. He plead not guilty before Judge Richards who sent him to Pendleton for investigation by the grand jury.

Bob Saintclair, federal officer, and Green Estes had a real-to-goodness street fight in front of the meat market Wednesday, shortly before noon, and when Saintclair, who had a strange-hold on Estes, was pulled away, he discovered the lobe of his left ear missing. The participants in the fight were not arrested for violating the peace. However, Saintclair alleges that Estes bit a portion of his ear off and swore to a complaint charging him with mayhem. Estes waived examination through his attorney, Homer I. Watts, who appeared for him in court at the time the hearing was set for yesterday afternoon.

Scores Hurt in Chicago Explosion.

Chicago, Ill.—An explosion which wrecked a warehouse building at 779 Barber street caused at least five deaths and injuries to several score other persons. City police and firemen said they found parts of a supposed bomb and also a percussion cap in the ruins. Effects of the explosion were felt for blocks. A big department store at Twelfth and Halsted streets was the scene of a panic when the concussion shattered plate glass windows and startled clerks and shoppers.

Government Wins Income Tax Suit.

Washington, D. C.—A victory was won by the government in the supreme court interpretation of the term "income" for the assessment of taxes under the income and excess profits acts. The court held that any gain derived from corporation securities or corporate assets and any increase in the value of a capital investment, when realized, is taxable as income. The opinions were indorsed by the entire court.

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Five candidates for postmaster at Roseburg have definitely announced their intention of seeking the appointment by the republican administration to succeed Postmaster Reizinstine.

Fire which was believed to have ignited in a woodshed at the rear of the building caused a loss estimated at \$65,000 to the women's apparel store conducted by Kafoury Bros. in Salem.

All national guard units in Oregon, with the exception of a hospital organization to be located at La Grande, have been completed and are functioning, according to Adjutant-General White.

Spencer Carlson, Marshfield, has been appointed principal midshipman to Annapolis naval academy by Representative Hawley. Wallace J. Walsh of Newport has been named first alternate.

Jed Edsall and a number of other residents of Jackson county have filed a petition with the Oregon public service commission asking permission to operate a motor car over the tracks of the Pacific & Eastern railroad which extends from Medford to Butte Falls.

The Oregon public service commission, at the instigation of northwest hop growers, has started an action to restore a carload minimum of 15,000 pounds in the shipment of this product instead of the carload minimum of 18,000 pounds fixed during the federal control of the railroads.

Reply of Portland and Vancouver to the petition of Puget sound ports and Astoria for a rehearing of the Columbia basin rate case, in which the interstate commerce commission recently awarded a 10 per cent differential to the former cities, to and from the territory south of the Snake river, has been issued.

Railroad officials now believe that all danger from slides on the branch line, running from La Grande to Joseph, is past. During the month of March, the Wallowa county people have been forced to go for a number of days without freight, because of a large slide which occurred a few miles on the other side of Elgin.

The Oregon public service commission has extended the suspension of proposed increased transportation rate on milk and milk products to June 30. Application for increased charges for transporting milk and milk products was filed with the commission by the American Railway Express company several months ago.

Plans for the Fish lake dam, to be constructed on Little Butte creek in connection with the development of the Medford irrigation district, were approved by the state engineer. The dam will provide water for the irrigation of approximately 14,000 acres of land in Jackson county. The cost of the development was estimated at \$1,250,000.

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending March 24 according to a report prepared by the industrial accident commission. The victims were Herbert W. Notter, shipyard worker, Portland, and Sanford H. Helgate, meat cutter, Astoria. A total of 264 accidents were reported to the commission.

The state has closed a deal whereby it came into possession of approximately 73 acres of land adjoining property now occupied by the penitentiary and state hospital. Approximately 18 acres of the land is of clay soil that will be utilized by the prison in manufacturing brick. The remainder of the land is general in its character and will be planted to berries and other products necessary in the maintenance of the state institutions.

One of the largest money verdicts ever rendered by a jury in Jackson county was that given in circuit court at Jacksonville in the suit against Chester C. Kubli, the Appligate stockman, for \$42,203.72 due on overdrafts, drafts and checks cashed by the failed bank of Jacksonville before it became defunct, the action being brought by F. C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks. It was the second victory of Superintendent Bramwell last week in a similar case growing out of the bank failure, the other case being that brought by him against J. E. Bartlett, former Medford dealer in electrical supplies, the jury bringing in a verdict for \$2543.14 for overdrafts and the like.

WEEKS DECLARES U. S. WILL GET BERGDOLL

United States Probably Will Not Recognize Any Statute of Limitations.

Washington, D. C.—"We are going to get Bergdoll if it is possible to get him," Secretary Weeks declared in discussing the case of the Philadelphia draft evader now in Germany. "I don't believe we will recognize any statute of limitations in his case if one should exist."

Secretary Weeks would not say what steps would be taken to get Bergdoll out of Germany.

Secretary Weeks announced formally that Brigadier-General Allen had made overtures to the German government looking to the pardoning of Carl Neuf and Franz Zimmer, Americans sentenced to prison terms at Eberbach, Germany, for attempting to arrest Bergdoll on German soil. The secretary said General Allen was optimistic that the two men soon would be released.

OLD WOOL SCHEDULE IN NEW TARIFF BILL

Washington.—The old Payne-Aldrich tariff duty on grease wool, 14 cents a pound, has been agreed upon by the house subcommittee framing the permanent tariff measure to be introduced at the extra session. Members said the wool schedule probably would be adopted by the full committee without material change. Taking grease wool as the basis, the rate on washed wool would be 22 cents and on scoured 33 cents. In the emergency tariff the grease wool duty is 15 cents. By accepting these figures the committee virtually revives schedule K, long fought over in congress.

WOMEN MOVE TO DISARM

Easter Mass Meeting Asks Conference With Nations of the World.

Washington.—A resolution requesting President Harding "to call a conference of the nations on world disarmament" and asking that increased appropriations of congress for armaments be postponed pending such a conference, was adopted at an Easter mass meeting held under auspices of the women's disarmament committee.

Senator Borah of Idaho again advocated an agreement between the United States, Great Britain and Japan to reduce naval armament and charged authors of the program for increased armaments with being "sedulous patrons of bolshevism, painstaking and industrious gardeners of unrest and misery."

ASKS INDEPENDENCE FOR PHILIPPINES

Manila.—Francis Burton Harrison, former governor general of the Philippine Islands, offered to tender his resignation eighteen months ago upon condition that the Secretary of War recommend to President Wilson that a Filipino be appointed his successor. He made the offer while in Washington in 1919.

Discussing Philippine independence, the governor general said: "I can see in the future a very beautiful vision. When the flag of the Philippine republic shall be hoisted, when the Stars and Stripes will come floating down to the strains of 'The Star Spangled Banner'—that flag, Old Glory, so rich in happy and honorable achievements, will be made doubly dear because it will mean that the United States will have kept its word to the people of the Philippine Islands."

James Davis To Direct Railroads. Washington.—James C. Davis of Iowa, at present general counsel of the railroad administration, was named by President Harding as director-general of railroads. The president has appointed former Vice President Thomas R. Marshall and former Senator Nathan Scott of West Virginia to the Lincoln Memorial commission.