

RETIRING C. OF C. DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED

HARDING STAND IGNORED ON THE SOLDIERS' BONUS

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE INSTRUCTS CHAIRMAN FORDNEY TO GET MEASURE PASSED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Disregarding the objections of President Harding and Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, the house ways and means committee voted late yesterday, 19 to 5, to place the soldiers' bonus formally before the house and demand its passage within the next week.

As finally agreed upon by the committee and approved by republican leaders, the bill carries the five-fold compensation provisions approved by the American Legion, but with the cash feature virtually eliminated. Veterans who are entitled to more than \$50 will receive certificates which may be used as collateral for loans from national banks.

A final effort to have the committee approve the sales tax as recommended by the president failed by a vote of 19 to 5.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Plans of Chairman Fordney, of the house ways and means committee, to jam the soldiers' bonus bill through the house early next week went forward in the face of reports from the presidential party in Florida that efforts be made to thwart his program for immediate action.

The committee has instructed Fordney to get the bill passed as soon as possible. Republican leaders plan to call up the measure Monday under suspension of the rules which would limit the debate to 40 minutes, and under which introduction of amendments would not be permitted.

Speaker Gillett could cause a hitch in the program, however, by failing to recognize Fordney when he attempts to put the bill on its passage and informed him that he favored general discussion of the bill in the house.

ASHLAND QUINTET IS READY FOR TOURNEY

By winning the southern Oregon basketball championship, the boys of the Ashland high school basketball team are to go to the state tournament at Salem this week, where the championship of the state will be decided. The boys are going into this series of games with the good old Ashland spirit and everyone feels that they will bring the state championship back to Ashland.

During the basketball season this year, the boys of our team have played good, clean ball and have won all but two of the games that have been played. We feel that this is largely due to Coach Hughes, who has kept the boys going on the right track in clean athletics. The boys have played against the best teams in southern Oregon and northern California and have won fairly and squarely every time. For this reason the students of the high school believe that our chance in the coming tournament is better than it has ever been in the past.

Many people seem to have the impression that basketball is over, and that the boys have completed their task. This is certainly not the case. The boys will meet teams this week from all over Oregon, teams that, to use the expression of some of the coaches of northern Oregon, "are fed on buttermilk and alfalfa hay." These teams play just as good ball and are just as good sportsmen as our boys. Therefore, it is not altogether up to the boys, it is up to the high school and the community to give them a cheer.

Greer's Attitude—After the Flood

The result in the Chamber of Commerce election yesterday was decisive. The members of the Chamber of Commerce do not favor the hotel proposition as proposed by me. I am exceedingly sorry they took that view, somewhat, of course, because of the personal effect, but greatly because it renders it impossible for me to deliver the goods in what I consider one of the most important enterprises with which Ashland has had to do.

I have no criticism to make. I put up the proposition to members as plainly as I knew how, more plainly and personally than I desired, but I felt it must be done to have a clear understanding of the case. I did the best I could to put my side of the case forward—and I lost—that's all there is to it. Nobody who took the other view of the case will get any unfavorable criticism from me. They had as much right to take that view as to take my view, and they had a perfect right to express it.

I was after an expression of the sentiment of the club. The expression was very plainly registered, and I am satisfied.

My future policy will be this: I will go forward and do what I can for Ashland with a steadfast confidence that she will go forward and a lively hope that I may have some part in her forward movements.

I do not agree with what I consider the over-conservative attitude of the Chamber of Commerce. I think it should be more progressive, but the members have expressed themselves as satisfied with its management, and I shall be satisfied with it, and do everything I can to assist them. They claim to have a definite program. I do not know what it is. The future will develop it, but, whatever it is, if it is forward-looking and progressive, I will support it to the last ditch.

As far as individuals are concerned I have no sore spots against anybody. The "enemy" has shown itself worthy of the best steel. I admire their courage and pluck and concede their victory. Life is too short to warrant toleration of a grudge. There are too many big things in life to be accomplished to justify it. There will be no sulking, backbiting, or bickering in my attitude. I will support the forward movements of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce without let or hindrance from personal animosity.

BERT R. GREER.

PRISONER HANGS SELF IN CELL WITH SHEET

SALEM, Or., March 15.—Archie McCoy, 30 years of age, who was brought to the penitentiary last summer from Portland in connection with the robbery of a bank at Troutdale, committed suicide by hanging himself with a sheet from the ceiling of his cell.

McCoy had a long prison record and prior to being sentenced to the Oregon penitentiary he had served terms at Stillwater, Minn.

Los Angeles Bids For Olympic Games

LOS ANGELES, March 15.—Should Paris relinquish the 1924 Olympic games, Los Angeles will make a strong fight for them.

This was the assertion yesterday of Robert S. Weaver, who, as president of the National Amateur Athletic union last year, directed this city's campaign for the Olympiad.

Weaver believes that Los Angeles is certain to be selected if Paris decides to make an adverse decision on the international meet. "Los Angeles is prepared and will pay all the expenses of the contestants, probably totaling \$1,000,000," said Weaver.

President William Garland, of the Community Development association, said that the Olympiad, if secured by Los Angeles, would be held in the great new stadium at Exposition park, to be finished in 18 months.

ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH BIG FIRE

DISASTROUS FIRE WIPED OUT ENTIRE BLOCK OF BUILDINGS IN UNION DEPOT BUSINESS SECTION EARLY TODAY.

Former Employee of Confectionery Concern in the Building in Which Fire Started Placed Under Arrest; Startling Disclosures Promised.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Evidence of incendiarism was found by the authorities investigating the disastrous fire which wiped out an entire block of buildings in the Union Depot business section this morning. The fire reduced great structures to gaunt skeletons, causing property damage variously estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. One man was killed and scores of others injured.

A former employee of a confectionery concern in the building in which the fire started was placed under arrest. Authorities indicated that startling disclosures would follow.

TWO WOMEN TAKE SALTS AND DIE

SALEM, Or., March 15.—The autopsy conducted by physicians at the state hospital here into the deaths of Louise Berkensteck and Ellen Oldham, patients at the hospital, who died within a few hours after taking a dose of salts Saturday, has revealed nothing definite, hospital officials stated yesterday. The intestines of both women were found to be in a badly inflamed condition, but this condition has not been traced to the salts.


The can of salts from which the doses were administered to the two women, was examined by the hospital chemist, who found nothing unusual in its contents.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS TAKE MINER STRONGHOLD

LONDON, March 15.—Fordsburg, a stronghold of the rebelling miners in South Africa, was captured by the government troops after an 80 minute bombardment, according to a Johannesburg dispatch.

It was reported that hundreds of prisoners were taken.

Requiescat in Pace



CONSERVATIVES	
H. P. Holmes	245
V. O. N. Smith	176
E. V. Carter	167
W. H. McNair	165
J. W. McCoy	162
L. F. Ferguson	143

PROGRESSIVE	
Amos Ninger	135
Louis Dodge	120
A. L. Lamb	115
O. O. Helman	109
John H. Dill	106
Homer Billings	44

RADIO CONCERT HEARD AT MEIER & FRANK'S

PORTLAND, March 15.—Patrons of the Meier & Frank company heard two concerts by radio Monday, the new receiving set and magnavox attachments recently installed being found to work perfectly. At one time 200 persons on the fifth floor were listening to the demonstration. Phonograph records played at the headquarters of the Northwestern Radio Manufacturing company by Charles L. Austin were heard by luncheon visitors at noon and by patrons of the store on the fifth floor at 3 o'clock, with no loss of tone or quality because of the air journey. The concerts were to be repeated today.

U. S. EXTENDS PAYMENT OF AUSTRIA'S GRAIN DEBT

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—The extension to 25 years of the payment of the \$50,000,000 grain debt owed the United States was granted to Austria in a resolution adopted by the senate today. The measure also releases Austrian securities pledged to this country to guarantee the debt, and remits all interest charges.

IRREGULARITIES ALLEGED IN SALE OF THE COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Alleged irregularities in the recent sale by the shipping board of the steamer Columbia, formerly a transport of the Great Northern, were charged before the house naval affairs committee today, leading to a statement by Secretary of the Navy Denby that the sale was "perhaps illegal."

Chairman Lasker of the shipping board was criticized during the hearing. Harding was assailed for ordering the vessel transferred from the navy to the shipping board without congressional sanction.

As a rocking chair patented by a New Jersey man is moved, levers produce music from a music box under the seat.

Enjoyable Time At Anniversary

Last Monday evening, March 13, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hoag celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary at their home, 595 Roca street.

This was a gala occasion for their many friends in the opportunity to enjoy their splendid hospitality. The home was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Hoag and her two daughters, Dorothy and Catherine. The color scheme was yellow and white.

A splendid musical program had been arranged for the phonograph, the guests being privileged to hear the very best selections from all the phonograph companies. In addition to this, a male quartet, composed of Messrs H. R. Jacoby, P. C. Stratton, Louis A. Elmore and J. D. Hoag, sang most harmoniously several "old song" selections. Rev. W. Judson Oldfield very ably assisted this program by his use of several dialect lyrics.

The entire program was a harmonious and appropriate success, being thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

A bounteous two course luncheon was served during the later part of the evening, consisting of sandwiches and coffee, tea, pickles and ice cream and cake. The writer, who was present, wonders little at Jack's robust physique if he has enjoyed such good cakes for the past 20 years.

This being the "china anniversary" the Hoags were the recipients of many beautiful pieces of china.

The guests who enjoyed the Hoag hospitality were, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Gyger and two daughters, Wilma and Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Jacoby, Rev. and Mrs. W. Judson Oldfield, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Spencer and two daughters, Altadena and Alice, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nickerson, and Louis A. Elmore.

FORD PAYS LARGEST INCOME TAX IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Henry Ford stands out as the largest tax payer in the United States. His income tax amounted to \$27,000,000. This would be an income in excess of \$50,000,000.

It is reported that King George of England and ex-Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany have paid income taxes this year on investments in the United States. These taxes are said to be taken out of their dividends by the representatives here before the money is sent to them.

The returns from the income tax this year is thought to be about \$400,000,000, the smallest since 1917. The slump is attributed to the depression which has hit the country with its full force during the past year.

Bids Awarded For Construction Work

The Talent Irrigation district opened 12 bids yesterday for the construction of the Hyatt Prairie dam and the east side canal. The contract for the dam was awarded D. M. Stevenson, of Portland, for \$78,595, while the contract for the canal was awarded William Von der Hellen, of Eagle Point, the price being \$67,410.

Following are the bidders: C. R. Adams, Los Angeles; Johnson Contract company, Portland; Grant Smith company, Portland; Solem & Gustavason, Astoria, Or.; John Hampshire, Grants Pass; William Von der Hellen, Eagle Point; Wolke & Schroeder, Grants Pass; Pacific Coast Paving company, Tacoma, Wash.; Albert Anderson, Grant Pass; E. J. Cheatham & Sons, Spokane, Wash.; V. R. Dennis Construction company, McMinnville, Or.; D. M. Stevenson, Portland.

Work on the canal will probably begin about April 1, and construction of the reservoir dam will start about May 1.

"Build with the Birds."

GREAT INTEREST DISPLAYED BY BOTH FACTIONS

HOMES HIGH MAN, WITH SMITH IN SECOND PLACE; ENTIRE BANKER TICKET SECURED AVERAGE MAJORITY OF 45.

Election Considered Fair from Every Standpoint and All Concerned Appear Satisfied with Manner in Which Counting Was Handled.

The Chamber of Commerce election which closed at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, showed that all the retiring directors were elected by an average majority of 45 votes.

The polls closed promptly at 5 o'clock and the judges and tellers began the long, tedious job of checking and counting the ballots. After all of the ballots had been numerically arranged, they were then checked off, and it was decided that all ballots which had been received on the regular form without appearance of any discrepancy should be allowed and counted. This resulted in all ballots being counted with the exception of one which was received in duplicate.

The counting was finished about 8 o'clock and gave the following results, in order from the highest vote to the lowest:

F. C. Homes	245
V. O. N. Smith	176
E. V. Carter	167
W. H. McNair	165
J. W. McCoy	162
L. F. Ferguson	143
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After the first few ballots had been counted, it was seen that the old directors were going to poll a large

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PRISONER HAS ELEVEN WIVES

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 15.—Confessing that he has had 11 wives, some of whom he does not even remember by name, Isiah Moore 32, alias George S. Melrose, is here charged with bigamy and embezzlement. Moore admitted defrauding several women of sums of money, police say.

Moore is charged with embezzling \$500 from his last wife, Harriet Evans, now a school teacher in a northern Indiana town. He is said to have deserted her here one week after marriage.

Moore was always active in social affairs and usually joined a church in the towns which he visited, police declare. Miss Evans reported the case to detective, who trailed Moore to Logansport, Ind., to Chicago, and then to Minneapolis, where he was arrested.

At the time of his arrest, detectives say, Moore was engaged to a Minneapolis girl. The wedding was to have taken place yesterday.

Although his memory was hazy as to details, Moore finally gave a list of 11 women he said he had married. The brides lived in various parts of the country. Some of their names he could not remember.

As Howard Wilson he married a girl named Gertrude in Findley, O. He deserted Gertrude and married Laura Shields at Spokane, Wash. As J. H. Vaughan he married Florence Johnson of David City, Neb. And then he married Helen Hardgraves at Augusta, Kans.

As Howard Wilson, Moore said he married Irene Hale three years ago in Chicago. He met her through a marriage bureau and she came from a southern state. Moore deserted her, taking \$1500 of her money, detectives say he confessed.

