

## HARDING HOLDS UP HIS MESSAGE IN HOPE OF PEACE

BEFORE APPEALING TO CONGRESS, AWAITS RESULT OF TODAY'S CONFERENCE

Brotherhood Leaders and Railway Executives Are Meeting in New York Today in Hopes of Arriving At Basis of Settlement.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—President Harding has decided not to appear before congress today with his message on the industrial situation.

However, if the meeting of the "Big Four" brotherhoods and the committee representing the Association of Railway Executives, which is in progress in New York today, and which is expected to be the most important conference held since the beginning of the railway shopmen's strike, does not lay the foundation for a settlement of the strike, the president will probably address congress tomorrow.

### BROTHERHOOD AND RAILWAY EXECUTIVES IN CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—A final, supreme effort to settle the national strike of the railway shopmen was taken here today when the leaders from five of the non-striking brotherhoods went into conference with the committee of railway executives.

It is not expected that any agreement will be reached, but it is hoped a basis might be agreed upon which would furnish a foundation for a settlement later.

## KU KLUX KLAN MEMBERSHIP SAID TO BE INCREASING

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 17.—A statement to the effect that the Ku Klux Klan is growing faster than any other secret, fraternal organization in the United States, was made today by Acting Imperial Wizard Edward Young Clarke.

Clarke said that from one department alone, there was reported to the organization from the first of June, 1920, to the first of July, 1921, over 48,000 members. From July 1st, 1921, and including the period during which the organization was being exposed by various metropolitan newspapers, this same department turned over in six months, 58,782 members. He declared that from January 1st, 1922, to August 1st, 1922, there were 85,765 members reported, and there are 10,000 new members being added to the roster every week.

Asked to name the localities in which the Klan recruiting was progressing the most rapidly, Mr. Clarke stated that the state of Indiana led the country. Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Colorado, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, California and Oregon, were said to be producing at the rate of many hundreds of new members each week.

### FIVE ALTURAS MEN ARE UP FOR BOOTLEGGING

ALTURAS, Calif., Aug. 17.—The preliminary hearings of Joe Danhauser, Dick Mackey, Charles Wilson, Charles Van Sickle, Steve Fulcher and John Hoops, who were arrested by the district attorney on the eighth inst., in a bootlegging charge, have been set for tomorrow at which time the case of Danhauser will be taken up first, the other cases to immediately follow.

### BOATING PARTY STALLED AT NIGHT ON LAKE TAHOE

RENO, Nev., Aug. 17.—Mrs. William Kent, wife of the former congressman from California, with a party of friends, was rescued on Lake Tahoe at 10 o'clock Sunday night, after the machinery of her motorboat had been stalled since morning. Searching parties had scoured the lake for some hours, and feared the boat had been sunk.

It pays to read the classified page.

## Pleasant Duty for General Pershing



General Pershing giving the Distinguished Service medal to Maj. Michael J. O'Brien of the adjutant general's office for "exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service as officer in charge of the officers' division, A. G. D. G. H. Q. A. E. F." Major O'Brien was an enlisted man was General Pershing's sergeant major and chief clerk on the punitive expedition into Mexico. He is a native of Ireland and first served in the Sixty-ninth New York Volunteer Infantry during the Spanish-American war.

## CHICAGO SIZZLES AND HEAT WAVE KILLS THREE MEN

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—The heat wave which has enveloped this city for several days is making life hardly worth living. The thermometer has ranged in the nineties for that period, but the humidity rather than the heat, is the cause of the unbearable conditions.

Three men died today from the effects of the excessive heat, and there have been scores of people prostrated.

### S. P. GIVES REDUCED RATES FOR JACKSON COUNTY FAIR

George N. Kramer, local agent of the Southern Pacific, has received word from John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the S. P. lines, that they have granted a reduced rate to and from the Jackson county fair.

Effective September 12th, the Southern Pacific will place on sale reduced fare tickets at all stations, Grants Pass to Ashland inclusive, for those who visit the fair.

The fare for adults will be one and one-half regular one-way fare, and that for children over five years and under 12, one-half of adult fare.

### OREGON'S CONTRIBUTION TO NEAR EAST RELIEF FUND

Contributions in cash and commodities totaling \$156,155.21 were made by Oregon for Near East Relief during the year ending June 30, 1922, according to an audit of the accounts of J. J. Handsaker, state director, just completed by John S. Wiltse, national auditor, and reported by him to Arthur W. Brookings of Ladd and Tilton bank, state treasurer of Near East Relief.

Acting on the advice of the National Information bureau, the Portland Community Chest last year appropriated \$41,250 to Near East Relief.

### SHALE OIL MACHINE TURNS OUT HIGH QUALITY CRUDE

Quite a number of Ashland people attended the demonstration this afternoon at Mack's garage on Pioneer street, where the Hartman Syndicate is extracting crude oil from shale.

This oil is of very high grade, showing a test of almost 50 per cent gravity, which is exceptionally high for crude oil. Another interesting feature is the high percentage of lubricants that it contains, lubricants being in far greater demand than either gasoline or kerosene.

Some of the city's most prominent citizens have been at one or more of these demonstrations and express themselves as being greatly interested with the project. Demonstrations are given every afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock and continuing two or three hours. Every person in Ashland should see this demonstration, whether they would consider buying stock or not.

A want ad will sell it.

## HALL SAYS OLCOTT WAS NOMINATED BY DEMOCRATS

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—Senator Charles Hall, in a statement issued today hurled the gauntlet at Governor Olcott, declaring that he was under no obligation to support the republican nominee.

He did not state whether he would become an independent candidate for governor in November. He refers to Olcott as an "alleged nominee," and he follows up his recent charges, which failed of substantiation in the recent recount proceedings, to the effect that Olcott's nomination resulted from the fact that democrats changed their registration on election day.

## NIAGARA FALLS STEEL BRIDGE IS DYNAMITED

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 17.—The west retaining wall of the big steel bridge over which the International Railway company operates a high-speed line to Niagara Falls, was dynamited early this morning.

Only the fact that the force of the explosion took a downward, instead of an upward course, saved the span from destruction.

## TEN ARE KILLED WHEN BOMB DROPS FROM AEROPLANE

WARSAW, Aug. 17.—Ten persons were killed and 50 wounded during the Polish aerial maneuvers at Putzig, when an aviator accidentally dropped a bomb among 800 spectators.

### HOSPITAL ESTABLISHED AT NEW LUMBER TOWN

The Weed Lumber company has established a hospital at its headquarters logging camp at Leaf, or Tenant as the post office will be known.

The hospital will take care of the general health of its employees and their families as well as be of great use in emergency cases. Dr. Charles Dozier has charge of the hospital.

### THOUSAND TRIBESMEN KILLED IN BATTLE WITH ARABS

LONDON, Aug. 17.—A thousand Wahabis (Mohammedan) tribesmen and 60 Arabs were killed in a battle near Amman, Palestine, according to a Constantinople dispatch. The Arabs were attacked by the Wahabis.

## AUTO DRIVER GIVEN FINE IN JUSTICE COURT

E. L. Mann, of Bend, Or., appeared before Justice Gowdy here yesterday afternoon and pleaded guilty to the charge of operating a car without a driver's permit, and was thereupon fined \$150 by the court and given a jail sentence of six months.

Mann is the one who was driving the high-powered Oldsmobile that hurdled Neil creek near the Fred Homes ranch east of the city, Saturday night, July 15. In the machine with him at the time of the accident was a Mr. Rodenhamer of Roseburg, and Mrs. William Belmont of Bend. All three were so badly injured that they were taken to the Granite City hospital for treatment. The men were able to leave there shortly, but Mrs. Belmont was more seriously injured, and has only been out of the hospital for a short time.

Mann had lost his driver's permit some time previous to his trip to Ashland, as the result of being arrested in the northern part of the state for speeding. The judge took his permit away at that time for a period of 90 days, which had not yet expired at the time of the accident here.

It is alleged that Mann promised to stand all expenses of the accident at the time it occurred, and it is thought he will probably settle these accounts while in the city. The bill is expected to total around \$1000.

### ROAST 9000 DUCKS IN A BLAZE ON POULTRY FARM

BENICIA, Calif., Aug. 17.—Nine thousand choice ducks were roasted at the California Poultry company's ranch near here yesterday. It was not a dinner, but an accident, for the building in which the ducks were housed caught fire and the poultry was not only roasted, but burned to a crisp.

Seven hundred other ducks, brooders in a nearby building, also perished, being overcome by the smoke and heat.

The total loss is placed by the manager, Arthur Stevens, at about \$20,000, covered by small insurance. The ducks burned were valued at \$1.25 each, and the brooders were worth \$2500.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

#### Leaves for Frisco—

Mrs. L. Schwein and daughters left Tuesday evening for San Francisco, where they will visit for the next three weeks.

Returns from Trip North—  
Mrs. R. E. Detrick, who has been visiting in Vancouver, Wash., for the past two weeks, returned home the first of the week.

#### Will Teach in New Mexico—

Mrs. H. E. Huls and niece, Miss Marjorie McElvaney, leave this evening on train 53 for Albuquerque, N. M. Mrs. Huls goes for a month's visit with relatives, while Miss McElvaney goes to take charge of a school near Albuquerque for the coming year.

#### Leave for Home—

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vaughn left for their home in Chehalis, Wash., this morning, after spending a week on Granite street, near the park, which they enjoyed very much.

#### Stopping in Ashland—

Mrs. Belle Loomis is a guest at the Convalescent Home.

#### Visits With Sister—

Miss Anna Maud Hancock, of Kwang Ping Fu, China, arrived this morning to visit her sister, Mrs. W. M. Barber, on Granite street. Miss Hancock has been a missionary in China for 30 years, and this is her third vacation.

### BASEBALL RESULTS TODAY

National League  
At Pittsburgh 3; New York 6.  
At Cincinnati 0; Philadelphia 1.  
At Chicago 7; Boston 2.  
American League  
At New York 7; Detroit 1.  
At Philadelphia 8; Cleveland 1.  
At Boston 3-5; Chicago 2-1.  
Pacific Coast League (Yesterday's Games)  
At Seattle 8; Portland 2.  
At Sacramento 4; Salt Lake 0.  
At San Francisco 1; Vernon 5.  
At Los Angeles 8; Oakland 3.

## In Memory of Heroic Chaplains



This bronze memorial tablet, by Miss Bascika Paeff of Boston, was unveiled on the wall of the third floor of the Massachusetts statehouse in Boston. It is to the memory of Bay State clergymen—Catholic and Protestant—who died in service as chaplains during the World war. One of the figures is that of Father John B. DeValles, Catholic priest of New Bedford, and the other is Rev. Walton Danker, Protestant clergyman of Worcester.

## GOV. DETERMINED TO STOP DEMPSEY LABOR DAY BOUT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 17.—Governor McCray is adamant in his determination that the Dempsey-Baron contest shall not be held at Michigan City on Labor day.

The governor's announcement followed reports from Michigan City that the sheriff and prosecuting attorney would refuse to interfere with the proposed bout. The governor intimated that he would have officials there on Labor day, and if the sheriff and prosecuting attorney showed inclination to wink at the law and permit the fight to proceed, he would exercise the authority vested in him, even at the ringside, and see to it that the fight did not take place.

## SOVIET TROOPS KILL FAMOUS TURKISH PASHA

MOSCOW, Aug. 17.—Enver Pasha, the most spectacular figure in modern Turkish history, and who is credited with throwing Turkey into the late war on the side of the central powers, was killed in a battle with the Russian soviet troops in Bokhara, according to dispatches received here.

## AUTO JAMMED IN DOORWAY CAUSES \$30,000 FIRE LOSS

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—When the owner of a private car tried to drive his machine out of the burning Webster garage here today, he jammed the machine in the doorway and prevented the saving of 33 other cars. The total loss is more than thirty thousand dollars.

### COMPETING THIS WEEK FOR MILITARY HONORS

Harold E. Wilhite and Edwin J. Freeman, both of Ashland, are among the competitors this week at the military training school at Camp Lewis, Wash., for the medals offered and for places on the Ninth Corps Area C. M. T. C. rifle team, which will compete September 2 to 28 with other C. M. T. C. teams from all parts of the country, at Camp Perry, Ohio.

The local boys are having splendid success at the camp and feel that they are equal to any occasion, even to taking some of the medals, or winning a place on the rifle team.

## COAL FAMINE AND PROFITEERING WINTER OUTLOOK

FUEL PRICES GO SOARING DESPITE VOLUNTARY FAIR PRICE AGREEMENT

Jumps from \$2.10 on April 1, when Strike Began, to \$6.50 and as High as \$13.50 As Against Agreed Price of \$3.50.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Legal control for the price and distribution of coal—especially the price—loomed today as the result of the general disregard for a "fair price" scale by the producing operators.

"Voluntary fair price" has broken down under the impact of a panicky market, and coal is now selling all the way from \$6.50 to \$13.50 a ton, as against \$3.50, the price agreed upon and established by Secretary Hoover, and as against the price of \$2.10 when the coal strike began on April 1.

President Harding may make the coal regulations the subject of a special message to congress, as it is generally admitted the country will go through the winter on short rations.

### BUCK INVADERS CORRAL

EUREKA, Calif., Aug. 17.—While passengers of a Northwestern Pacific train looked on, a large buck leaped into a dairy ranch corral at Beatrice, ten miles south of here, and was gored to death by a bull in a terrific fight, lasting ten minutes.

## HYATT DAM TO BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER FIRST

Construction work at the Hyatt Prairie dam of the Talent irrigation district is steadily going forward, and Engineer Stevenson, who has charge of the work, now sets November 1 as the date on which he expects to have the dam completed.

There are 70 men employed on the work, in two shifts of eight hours each, and the dirt is literally flying, there being something like 1000 yards moved daily. A large steam shovel is used for loading the five large trucks, which transfer the dirt to the top of the dam, each truck hauling four yards at a trip, and making a trip every 15 minutes. A load of dirt is thus moved every three minutes.

Contrary to the expectations of many, the dam will not have a cement core all the way to the top, but the dirt has been cleared away down to a solid rock foundation all the way across the bottom of the dam, and cement poured onto the bed rock and built up to a height of about six feet, in order to prevent any seepage around the base. It is believed that the earthen fill will be absolutely waterproof.

The dirt used for the fill is a mixture of black loam and clay and practically packs itself as it is unloaded by the heavy trucks, but in order to insure proper and even settling, a six ton cement roller has been made and is rolled back and forth over the dirt as it is spread on the dam. Water is used to wet the dirt ahead of the roller, and the result is that the dirt is thoroughly packed.

The dam is to be about 45 feet in height, and 15 feet of this has already been erected. When finished it will be 80 feet wide at the base and 20 feet wide on top, and about 200 yards long. The reservoir that will be formed will hold 16,000 acre feet of water, almost two acre feet for each of the 8000 acres of land signed up in the district at present. The stored water will cover 900 acres.

### REDDING ASSESSMENT IS REDUCED \$5000

REDDING, Calif., Aug. 17.—City Clerk Leslie Engram, who is also city assessor, has completed the tax roll for the current year. The total value of all property in the city of Redding is \$3,229,575, or just \$5000 less than last year's total.