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## LABOR HEADS GATHERING IN ANNUAL MEET

AMERICAN FEDERATION IS MEETING AT EL PASO IN 48TH SESSION

### WAGE REDUCTION IS FOUGHT

Keynote Sounded—Use of Injunction Is Also Brought Before Body. 400 Delegates Are Present

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—The forty-fourth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor opened here today. About 400 delegates and spokesmen for the approximately 3,000,000 workers entered the initial session. Debates in departmental conferences last week forecast a general convention keynote on a determined stand against wage reduction.

El Paso, Nov. 17.—(I. N. S.)—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor, reporting here today to the annual meeting of the federation, expressed the belief that never has labor occupied so favorable a spot in the world's proceedings.

"It is with immense satisfaction that we note the growth of constructive and progressive thought on every hand, perhaps the healthiest sign on our whole horizon. It is obvious that there is today a greater understanding of the aims of labor than ever before, a greater and deeper sympathy with labor's purposes and aspirations and a finer spirit of co-operation."

The council declares labor to be in an unfortunate position in the matter of court decisions, pointing particularly to interpretations of various federal laws which have acted adversely to labor's interest. A curb on the powers of the courts was strongly urged and various methods of remedial procedure suggested.

"Because of the fact that the supreme court and the federal judges, as well as many state judges, are appointed for life, the courts are the most remotely responsible branch of the American government. Because the judiciary is the least responsible branch of the government the reactionary interests have conducted their attacks on the rights of the individuals and on labor organizations mainly through the courts, as well as strengthening their defense against legislation de-

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## STRONG AMERICAN DELEGATION IS PRESENT TO ATTEND LEAGUE OPIUM TRAFFIC SESSION

Geneva, Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—In the presence of several American delegations, the fourth international conference for the control of opium traffic opened here today. The delegates were animatedly discussing what they regarded as the complete failure of the conference yesterday, as considering the Far Eastern aspects of the opium evil.

Geneva, Nov. 17.—(U. P.)—With a strong American delegation present, fully prepared to put up a hard fight for the adoption of American principles, an international conference convened here today, under the auspices of the League of Nations, for the suppression of international traffic in opium, cocaine and all harmful drugs.

The conference is the most important one ever summoned on this subject far exceeding in the number of states represented and in the scope that it is expected to attain, the Hague conferences of 1912 and 1914 when the first international efforts were made for control of the opium traffic.

Just as the United States played the leading role at those conferences she is scheduled to be the dominant

## MEXICANS ARE KILLED IN CALIFORNIA WRECK

Redondo Beach, Cal., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Three Mexicans were killed and three others were seriously injured today when a Pacific electric interurban car struck a gasoline hand-car on which about a dozen section hands were riding.

### GOOD ROADS MEETING OPENED IN CALIFORNIA

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 17.—(I. N. S.)—The tenth annual convention of the American Association of State Highway Officials opened here today for a three-day gathering, with practically every State in the Union represented. This is the first meeting of the organization held west of the Rocky Mountains.

The association is composed of State highway engineers and commissioners from all the States and Hawaii. Its object is the promotion of highway construction throughout the country, exchange of information and general support of the highway movement.

### MEETING DECIDES TO FORM INTERNATIONAL FARM BLOC

Brugg, Switzerland, Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Politicians the world over will be struggling with an international farm bloc, known as the Green Internationale, if the plans recently worked out here under the leadership of Professor Lauer are carried into execution. Representatives of the United States, England, Germany, France, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Holland and Hungary attended the meeting. It was decided to open a permanent secretarial office immediately with a view to launching the organization at a convention to be held next year in Warsaw.

### MRS. HARDING RESTING TODAY

Liver and Kidney Complications More Marked Today

Mario, Ohio, Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Although Mrs. Harding was resting quietly this morning, kidney and liver complications were more marked today, according to a physician's bulletin.

### MRS. FRANCES MORGAN DIES

Wife of J. Pierpont Morgan Dies at Home Last Night

Highland Falls, N. Y., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Mrs. Frances F. Morgan, 82, widow of J. Pierpont Morgan, died at her home here last night. She suffered a stroke ten days ago, followed by pneumonia. She has been unconscious for four days.

ing factor in the conference that convened today, despite the fact that she is not a member of the League of Nations, to which the control of the opium traffic was entrusted by the treaty of Versailles. Stephen Porter, chairman of the Congressional Committee on Foreign Relations, and who last year secured the adoption of the League of Nations of the American program as the basis principle of its world-wide fight on opium and harmful drugs, headed the American delegation. He was seconded by Edw. Neville, chief of the narcotic bureau of the state department, who during the past year, has participated in all of the meetings of the League's commissions that were entrusted with the preliminary work of the present conference.

Although the League as a whole has officially sanctioned and adopted the American program as the basic principle of the new international treaties against opium and narcotic drugs that the present conference is scheduled to launch, no secret is made of the fact that the American delegation will have a hard fight to see that its principles are embodied in such a way that they will really be effective.

## HOOVER FINDS CONDITION OF COUNTRY GOOD

ANNUAL REPORT STATES THAT U. S. HAS EXPERIENCED RECOVERY

### AGRICULTURE IS ADVANCING

Bolstering of Farm Prices, Sound Policy in Reparations and Industrial Progress Noted

Washington, Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—An advance in agriculture prices, the beginning of sound policies in German reparations and the recovery of American industry were characterized as the outstanding features of the last fiscal year in the business condition review made public today by Secretary Hoover. While there was some inactivity in some lines, the report said, there has since been a complete recovery.

### TURKEY BUYER IN THE CITY

California Poultry Company Enters Local Field

Cash for the poultry raised in Josephine county this year is being paid, a large poultry concern being represented in Grants Pass with a buyer for the first time in history. W. B. Layton, representing the California Poultry company, of San Francisco, is spending several days here. He states that his company is paying cash for the birds, no orders being taken on consignment. His concern is working through the Josephine Farmers Cooperative association, who will do the purchasing here.

It is estimated that 8,000 turkeys will be secured in Josephine and part of Jackson county, to be handled through the cooperative. Two carloads have already been placed under contract, 4,500 turkeys being represented in this amount. In addition other poultry will also be taken.

According to Mr. Layton, his company is the largest exclusive poultry house west of Chicago. They have a feeding capacity of 62,000 head in San Francisco, where the chickens are fed on milk for an average of 10 days. All turkeys, however, are shipped dressed to the southern city.

Credit for bringing a buyer into the city is due Charles Gordon, of the cooperative, stated Sam Baker, cashier of the Grants Pass and Josephine bank this morning. Mr. Gordon has been working on the problem of getting the California Poultry company here all summer and his efforts are held responsible for the success of the move. The largest check ever deposited for a farm crop, with one exception and not taking livestock into consideration, was paid over this morning to pay for the turkeys of the county.

### Leaves Us



The Prince of Wales has sailed for home. This picture was taken on board the Olympic just before she hauled in anchor. H. R. H. was sporting a new soft hat at the time.

## ALL NATURAL COLOR IS NOW REMOVED FROM HAIR

London, Nov. 17.—(I. N. S.)—All freak hair fashions of the past few years are surpassed by the latest hair fashion—that of removing every vestige of color from the hair. Many prominent London society women have adopted the new fashion, which is achieved by undergoing a treatment which thoroughly bleaches the hair. Hairdressers assert that once the hair is so treated it will never recover its former color again.

### REDWOOD HIGHWAY IS IN GOOD CONDITION

Crescent City, Cal., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Telegraphic reports received by the California State Automobile association from its Eureka office indicate that the Redwood highway has not suffered much from the recent rains.

While there were a few slides between Dyerville and Cummings, these have been cleared away and the road may be considered in a very fair condition throughout.

The association's touring bureau stated however, that motorists who make the trip in unsettled weather would be wise to carry skid chains.

### LOCAL MERCHANT PASSES

O. A. Colby Succumbs After Long Illness Last Night

O. A. Colby, a member of the C. F. T. company, passed away last night at his home in this city, after having been confined to his bed for the past 12 days. He has been failing for the past month or more and has been in ill health for over a year. He came here with his family from Kallispell, Mont., nearly four years ago and entered into the shoe business. He took an active interest in civic affairs previous to his illness which has kept him inactive for a long period of months.

Ora Allan Colby was born December 6, 1875, at Clifton, McHenry county, Illinois. When a small boy he was taken by his parents to northwestern Idaho, where his father was engaged in the mercantile business. Here he grew to manhood. On September 6, 1896, he married Alice Conklin and in 1897 moved to Flathead, Montana. He is survived by three sons, Wendall Allan, Paul Ora and Noel Thomas, daughter, Miss Mary Ruth Colby, two sisters, Anna Abbie and Addie, one brother, C. H. Colby, of Des Moines, Iowa, his mother, Mary E. Colby and his widow.

### HARBECK IS NEW COUNCILMAN

Drawing Made to Ascertain Representative from Fourth Ward

E. H. Harbeck, of the City Market, is the new councilman from the first ward of Grants Pass, the tie with T. P. Cramer having been decided today at the office of the county clerk. The two candidates, who were given a tie vote in the election on November 4, were present and drew lots to see which would represent his ward in the council.

County Clerk F. L. Coon had arranged six slips of paper, all identical with the exception of one, which bore the word "elected." These were folded so that they could not be differentiated. All were placed in a hat and shaken. The two candidates were then instructed to draw, Mr. Harbeck taking the first one. After each had three slips, they were opened and Mr. Harbeck was found to hold the one with the writing. He will take office on the first of the year.

### 4 L'S PLAN BIG PROGRAM

Program of Expansion Is Mapped Out by President

Portland, Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—A program of expansion and increased activity for the coming year for the Royal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, was announced today by President Coleman at the twelfth regular meeting of the directors here.

## RAIDERS CUT LOS ANGELES WATER SUPPLY

HOLD WASTE GATES OPEN AND SPILL WATER BACK INTO OWENS RIVER

### GOT CONTROL YESTERDAY

25 Citizens of District Take Aqueduct Waste Gates at Alabama Hills and Turn Water Back

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Twenty-five Owens valley citizens raiders held the Los Angeles aqueduct canal waste gates in Alabama Hills, 200 miles north of here, open during the night, spilling the intake supply to the Los Angeles water system into Owens river. The raiders have retained control of the gates since yesterday.

Sacramento, Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Governor Richardson today refused the request for troops to eject the raiders from the Los Angeles aqueduct. He said the troops would invite bloodshed.

### NATIONAL FORESTS POPULAR

Over Two Million People Visit the Forests of the Northwest

There were 2,181,532 visitors in 1924 to the twenty-two national forests of Oregon and Washington, according to reports just received at the district forester's office in Portland. The national forests thus again prove to be the great popular playground of the Pacific northwest.

This number of people fished, camped, picnicked, hunted or traveled on the 27 million acres of the national forests and represent an increase of 605,222 over the 1923 figures, and 1,151,560 more than for 1922. Forest officers consider the above estimates of visitors to be very conservative. The above figures are for national forests only in the two states of Washington and Oregon and do not include visitors to the Rainier and Crater lake national park in the two states, which also report this their biggest season yet experienced.

These forest figures show, forest officers say, that the 22 national forests of the states of Oregon and Washington are the biggest drawing cards of the Pacific northwest for the very good reason that they contain by far the greatest variety of scenic charm to be found in America.

Oregon shows 1,032,278 visitors to her fourteen national forests for 1924, which is an increase of 386,661 over the 1923 number. On her national forests there were 122,872 campers, 43,263 summer hotel and resort guests, 739,092 transient motorists, and 127,051 other miscellaneous visitors.

### Student



Sarola Ghose, from far-off India, is learning something about our ways at Wellesley College. She refuses, though, to doff her native dress.

## COMPENSATION RATINGS HELD NOT REVIEWABLE

Washington, Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Compensation ratings made by the United States veterans bureau are not reviewable by the courts except when it is shown that they are wholly unsupported by the facts, the supreme court held today.

### BELGIUM WILL SEEK AN \$80,000,000 LOAN

Washington, Nov. 17.—(I. N. S.)—An issue of Belgium official obligations totalling about \$80,000,000, covering the needs of the Central Government and the colonies, is anticipated within the next six months according to information received by the Department of Commerce. Belgium conditions, from the Government standpoint and that of private business, was reported as unpromising.

### LIFE IN CHINA IS RELATED

Dr. F. C. Reimer Tells of Experiences in Interior of Country

The life and conditions in interior China were pictured today by Dr. F. C. Reimer, talking at the chamber of commerce forum luncheon. Dr. Reimer, who is in charge of the Southern Oregon Experiment station, told of the conditions in China as he saw them in 1917 and 1919 when he made trips there looking for varieties of pears. In his thousands of miles of travels in the interior country, he had many experiences which he related to the members of the chamber, who turned out in large numbers for the weekly meeting.

The road and highway system has been neglected and at times these become impassable. This is held one of the greatest drawbacks to the country. Travel is mostly by donkey. The monetary system is inadequate. The Chinese do not know the meaning of co-operation and are highly individualistic in their tendencies. This, combined with their ancestor worship, tends to hold the country back. China is a nation of great possibilities, however, the speaker held.

Today was Iowa day at the chamber and 13 former residents of Iowa were present.

### OREGON 1925 LICENSE PLATES TO BE YELLOW

Salem, Nov. 17.—(U. P.)—Oregon's 1925 auto licenses will closely resemble Idaho's this year, consisting of a yellow background with letters and numbers in black. Frank Brown, of Carlton, Ore., director of Pacific International Exposition, which has just closed in Portland, drew No. 1 when licenses were sent out today.

Business Building Sold—The building occupied by the Owl Billiard parlor has been purchased by Pernoll & Jewell, from Mr. Siegrist. The sale was made through P. B. Herman.

## SEATS ARE BEING SOLD OUT FOR ANNUAL BIG GAME BETWEEN OREGON AND O.A.C. SATURDAY

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Nov. 17.—With every seat in the main west grandstand sold out a week in advance, and reservations in the big new south end of the stadium selling rapidly, Carl Ledell, graduate manager of athletics, predicts that all records for football crowds in Oregon will be broken at the annual Homecoming game here Saturday when the Aggies and the University of Oregon mix for the state championship.

With the new covered double deck bleachers completed, 20,000 persons may be seated in comfort regardless of the weather. The promises of a record crowd indicate that the student-faculty board of control acted wisely in building the new unit which will be paid for out of gate receipts.

The Aggies were never more confident of victory over their traditional rivals, yet they are far from under-rating the strength of the Oregon team. By dint of their vic-

## UNION MAN IS SHOT TO DEATH BY ASSAILANT

CALLED TO DOOR AND WHEN IT IS OPENED, BULLET IS FIRED

### NEIGHBOR IS SUSPECTED

Denies Guilt—Friends of Both Say Men Had No Quarrel—Death Was Instantaneous—Inquest Today

LaGrande, Ore., Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—Wm. Wigglesworth, about 60, a prominent Union, Ore., resident, was shot and killed late last night at his home, according to advices received here today. Newton Gamble, a neighbor, is held as a suspect. Gigglesworth was shot as he opened his door, the bullet killing him instantly. An inquest is to be held late today.

Gamble denied any connection with the killing. Friends of both men knew of no quarrel between them.

### LOCALS TO PLAY ASHLAND

Meet Upper Valley Team on Wednesday Afternoon

On Wednesday afternoon the high school football team will play one of their hardest games of the season. They will journey to Ashland where they play the eleven from that city on their own field. And Ashland is noted for putting up a better brand of ball in their own territory than when in the enemy's. In the first game Ashland was defeated by the locals by a score of 14 to 7. Ashland has improved greatly and may spring a surprise when the high school tackles them.

Coach Brown does not predict a very great victory, if any, over the Granite City boys. He says some of his men are crippled from the games of last week and are in anything but good condition to meet a team such as Ashland.

### ST. LOUIS BANDIT IS SHOT

Seven Hold Up Roadhouse—One Employee Is Killed

St. Louis, Nov. 17.—(A. P.)—One of the seven robbers who held up and robbed a roadhouse north of East St. Louis early today was fatally shot, an employe was kidnapped and killed, and two other employes were wounded. The robbers took about \$1,600. The dead are Melvin Norvell, 28, roadhouse watchman, and a man giving the name of J. H. Cole identified as one of the robbers.