

COOLIDGE SPEAKS IN MINNESOTA TOWN

Participates in Dedication of War Memorial at Cannon Falls.

Cannon Falls, Minn.—Speaking at the dedication of a monument to Colonel William Colville, union civil war hero, President Coolidge denounced Sunday artificially stimulated animosities between the northern and the southern states of America, declaring that "the day of sectionalism is passed, we are a united nation."

Arriving from Superior to be the principal speaker at the ceremonies, Mr. Coolidge reviewed the progress made by the south since the civil war, saying that such advance "is going forward in a way which it could never have done under the old system" reigning before 1861. He pointed to the support which the Mississippi flood relief bill obtained at the last session of congress from all sections of the country as a proof of the existing co-operation between all parts of the nation.

Arriving in Cannon Falls, accompanied by Governor and Mrs. Christianson, Representative and Mrs. Newton and by Mrs. Frank Kellogg, wife of the secretary of state, who had boarded the presidential train at St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge found the whole city in Sunday attire ready to greet them enthusiastically, despite the blazing heat.

WALLA WALLA GRAIN FIRE LOSS \$100,000

Walla Walla, Wash.—The fire which swept Eureka flat area last week was one of the most disastrous grain fires in the northwest in years.

Efforts are being made to salvage all the sacked wheat that was not totally destroyed in the fields and construction and repair work is being done on more than 20 farm homes wiped out by the flames which raged over the area for hours. It is estimated the fire burned over an area 20 to 25 miles square laying waste to almost 50,000 acres of sheep pasture land and 10,000 acres of wheat land, 3500 acres of which was standing grain.

About 50,000 bushels of wheat are estimated by farmers to have been destroyed in addition to homes and other property, causing a loss believed to be conservatively fixed at \$100,000. Insurance adjusters on the ground would not make a definite announcement as to the loss, it was said.

TRAIN PASSENGERS ROBBED

Southern Pacific Car Scene of Hold Up in Eugene.

Eugene, Or.—Only a few dollars was obtained by two masked robbers who held up passengers on the Southern Pacific train No. 16 as it entered the city limits here at 4:30 o'clock Sunday morning. The pair was evidently expecting to find a particular person in the car and seemed quite surprised when he did not line up with the other passengers.

The men worked rapidly, and as the train slowed up to stop at the station they dropped off at Thirteenth avenue East, near the campus of the University of Oregon, and disappeared. No trace of the two has yet been found, local authorities reported.

Eight Burn to Death in Train Wreck

Guernsey, Wyo.—Eight unidentified men were burned to death in a spectacular freight train wreck on the Burlington railroad here. The eight men were "heating their way" in an empty box car and were trapped when gasoline from wrecked tank cars ignited. Tank cars comprised the greater part of the train of 27 cars. Flaming gasoline spread from the wreck down the Platte river for several miles, causing the river to appear to be on fire.

John P. Wood Wins Air Tour

Detroit.—The National Air tour in which 23 aviators completed a 6000-mile tour of the western section of the United States ended in a flare of color here. John P. Wood of Wausau, Wis., who led the tourists throughout the tour in his little Waco monoplane, was first to taxi to a stop. Unofficially Wood was the winner by more than 3000 points.

Irish Flier Raised to Colonel's Rank

Dublin.—Major James Fitzmaurice, member of the crew of the transatlantic plane Bremen, has been promoted to the rank of colonel in the Free State air service.

Noted Lumberman Dies

Minneapolis, Minn.—Thomas Barlow Walker, 88, millionaire lumberman, philanthropist and art collector, died here.

COL. J. R. THOMAS



Col. John R. Thomas, Jr., has been appointed as the first military attache to the Irish Free State. Colonel Thomas will also serve as military attache to the American embassy in London.

U. S. SIGNS A NEW TREATY WITH CHINA

Washington, D. C. — Signature by the United States of a new treaty with the Chinese nationalist government, restoring full autonomy in tariff matters to China, was announced simultaneously in Washington and Peking.

By the terms of the pact, it will become effective January 1, 1929, providing it has been ratified by that date, and will supplant all existing tariff commitments of China to the United States. The restoration of tariff autonomy by the United States, however, is based on a treaty stipulation of non-discrimination by China against Americans as compared to the nationals of any other country. For treaty purposes, the stipulation is mutually binding on both countries.

No comment was available at the state department on Peking dispatches indicating a feeling in Japanese and other interested circles that the United States, in signing the tariff treaty, was striking out on a Chinese policy independent of the long standing concert of action maintained through conference of the Peking diplomatic corps. Inasmuch as the abortive Peking joint tariff conference adopted a resolution pledging all powers having conventional tariff relations with China to restore tariff autonomy on the date now specifically fixed in the new Sino-American treaty, January 1, 1929, however, there appears to be little point to this contention. It is the first treaty granting China tariff autonomy to be signed.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

President Coolidge visited the iron ranges of northern Minnesota August 2.

The United States and Latvia have exchanged ratifications of their new treaty of friendship and commerce.

The initiative measure to abolish prize fighting in California qualified for a place on the November general election ballot.

John J. Raskob, chairman of the national democratic committee, has resigned as chairman of the General Motors corporation finance committee.

John Joseph Tunney is still the heavyweight champion of the world. A fight in New York, bitter and vicious while it lasted, ended in the 11th round with the defeat of Tom Heeneey, the New Zealand challenger.

August 29 or 30 has been selected tentatively as date for the official notification of Senator Joseph T. Robinson that he has been nominated by the democrats for vice president. The ceremonies will be held at Little Rock, Ark.

China Asks New Japanese Treaty

Tokyo. — Authoritative sources say the nationalist government has approached Japan through the nationalist minister at Tokyo, proposing to conclude a new commercial treaty. It is understood that Japan's attitude in the matter has not changed. The Japanese contending that treaty abrogation by the Chinese is illegal.

British Railroads Slash Wages

London.—British railroad employees, including directors and executives, accept a reduction of 2 1/2 per cent in their wages, under an agreement announced recently, following a conference of representatives of workers and managers.

Powers Will Sign Treaty on Aug. 27

Paris. — The American treaty to maintain world peace by outlawing war will be signed here by the powers on August 27, the foreign office announced.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

The drilling of a well for the Gervais water system has been completed.

The semi-annual report of the county clerk's office shows that the financial condition of Jackson county is healthy.

The heat wave has eliminated aphids in the walnut orchards of Marion county, according to announcement of growers.

The new Hotel Redmond, a \$250,000 structure recently erected in Redmond, held its formal opening to the public July 26 and 27.

Bills for road work in Columbia county during the month of June passed at the July term of the county court, totaled \$45,795.

The Lane county fair grounds are now being used by the Bible Standard churches from all over the coast for a camp-meeting place.

A new tourist record was established at Ashland recently when 316 cars, representing 13 states, were registered at the camp grounds.

Receipts of the United States land office at Roseburg for the fiscal year ended June 30 were \$669,161.13, according to the report just completed.

Lane county's 1928 flint crop will be practically double that of last year, when 20,000 pounds were gathered. This year's crop is estimated at 40,000 pounds.

Owing to a disagreement with Mayor J. B. Messick, who appointed him in December, 1926, M. L. Stout has resigned as chief of police at Baker.

The Eugene school budget for 1928-29 of \$308,582.25 and a tax levy of \$200,475.70 were passed upon favorably at a special election. Less than 200 votes were cast.

Thieves with a motor truck forced the back door of the Armory Service station of Medford and stole the entire tire stock of the establishment, amounting to \$1500.

New instruments for weather observing are to be supplied to the Eugene weather observer, in order to make more accurate checks for the United States air mail.

The Santiam river road, which has been in process of construction, is now completed to a point eight miles above Detroit. The road is being built by the federal forest bureau.

A new addition to the Salem post-office, to cost approximately \$20,000, will be erected during the present year, according to announcement received from Washington, D. C.

Senator Charles L. McNary spent a day last week at Newport, inspecting the harbor and conferring with federal engineers with relation to the proposed extension of the jetty.

Oceanside in Tillamook county has been chosen as the camp site for the Marion county Y. M. C. A. boys' summer camp this year. About 60 Marion county boys will be accommodated.

Loss from the Glendale fire, which destroyed all the business section of that city with the exception of three buildings, has been set at \$125,000 by B. L. Barry, fire insurance adjuster.

Cottage Grove has but three Civil war veterans surviving, as a result of the death of Reason Gray Elliott, 85. His three compatriots participated in funeral services for the aged veteran.

The Salem chamber of commerce filed with the public service commission a request that it be allowed to intervene in the so-called cross-state railroad case which will be heard in Portland.

A life-size portrait of Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce, authorized by the 1927 legislature, has been completed and will be given a place with the portraits of all his predecessors in the halls of the state capitol.

People of Burns, Canyon City, John Day and other communities met at Devine Canyon and dedicated a monument on the Joaquin Miller trail. Judge R. W. Sawyer and Lewis A. McArthur were the speakers.

Properties of the Oregon state game commission, exclusive of its real estate holdings, were valued at \$201,284 at the end of June, it is disclosed in an inventory just completed by Harold Clifford, state game warden.

Ratings on the dairies that supply Portland with milk will be made about once a year from now on because of the vast amount of work involved in the semi-annual reports, according to H. D. W. Mack, chief of the city milk division.

The Pacific Bancorporation, an organization incorporated July 17, of this year, has purchased four banks in southwestern Oregon, according to Senator Charles Hall, Marshfield, one of the incorporators. Names of the banks were withheld.

Three hundred and fifty thousand dollars will be expended on a coal reduction plant in North Bend, according to arrangements announced by Clyde M. Clefton, secretary of the Coal Products corporation, which has a large water frontage under contract.

Senator McNary and George Vick, president of the Salem chamber of commerce, have requested the chief of aeronautics, department of commerce at Washington, D. C., to station a physician in Salem for the purpose of examining applicants for pilot's licenses.

Thirty flax-pulling machines are now in operation in the Willamette valley, and are doing the work previously accomplished by 1800 men by hand. Virtually all of the flax produced in the Willamette valley this year has been contracted by the pententary.

Harris Ellsworth, field manager for the Oregon state editorial association, has been named vice-president of the National Editorial association, to represent Oregon. Ellsworth will take the position in the association held by Hal Hoss, formerly of the Oregon City Enterprise and now candidate for secretary of state.

A special election was held in Newport to amend the charter of Newport, authorizing the city council to purchase real property adjoining the city hall and to erect an addition to the city hall. It was said that \$20,000 in general bonds would be issued if the general plan was carried out. The authorization carried about ten to one.

A delegation of Malin, Klamath county, citizens, urged Governor Patterson and members of the public service commission to use their influence in inducing the Southern Pacific company to construct its extension of the Modoc Northern railroad from Klamath Falls to Alturas, Cal., on the so-called old survey which touches the town of Malin.

The federal power commission has announced authorization of a preliminary permit to the city of Eugene, for a power project on the McKenzie river with ultimate installation capacity of 32,000 horsepower. The commission also announced authorization of a preliminary permit for a power project on the Deschutes river in Sherman and Wasco counties.

Girls employed in the state motor vehicle department must wear stockings, regardless of the hot weather or other conditions, according to an edict issued by Sam Koser, secretary of state, who administers the motor vehicle laws. The order was said to have affected more than 30 girls, who appeared at the motor vehicle division one day last week without stockings.

Of all the motor vehicles that passed given points in Oregon recently when a traffic census was taken between the hours of 6 a. m. and 10 p. m., more than 47 per cent were from other states. The count was made by the state highway department. A total of 102,960 passenger cars were counted bearing Oregon licenses, and 49,357 from other states. Motor buses numbered 2248 and trucks 16,555. There were 644 motorcycles and 430 horse-drawn vehicles.

A temporary injunction restraining the secretary of state from placing on the ballot at the general election in November the so-called Dunne measure reducing approximately 50 per cent of the motor vehicle license fees in Oregon, was sought in a petition filed in the circuit court in Salem by Joseph Devers, attorney for the state highway department. As soon as the petition is served on the secretary of state it will be referred to the attorney general. Any answer that will be made by the secretary of state probably will depend upon an opinion to be given by the attorney general as to the legality of the proceedings. It was alleged in the petition filed by Devers that the Dunne bill is unconstitutional.

State bank stock in Oregon is still subject to assessment and taxation in spite of the recent decision handed down by the federal court in Portland in the case of the Brotherhood Cooperative National bank vs. Sheriff Hurlbut, according to an opinion handed down by Attorney General Van Winkle for the guidance of Earl L. Fisher, state tax commissioner. The decision of the federal court was to the effect that the requirements of congress relative to the taxation of national bank stock not having been complied with in this state the stock of the Brotherhood bank was not taxable. The opinion of the attorney general holds that while the decision applies to all national banks in the state it does not affect the status of state bank stock.

With the installation of a new digester, the capacity of the Salem paper mill has been increased from 88 to 100 tons of paper daily. The product of the Salem plant is being shipped to all parts of the United States, and the market is unlimited.

The public service commission granted the application of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company for permission to construct and maintain an overhead crossing on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway just east of the Klamath river bridge at Keno.

HENRY J. ALLEN



Henry J. Allen, former governor of Kansas, who has been appointed publicity director for the Hoover-Curtis campaign.

PANAMA WARNED BY SECRETARY KELLOGG

Washington, D. C. — The United States government served a sharp ultimatum on Panama that if revolution follows the national elections of August 5, intervention will follow.

The note was written by Secretary of State Kellogg in response to a request from the "opposition" party in Panama. This appeal charged fraud and corruption on the part of the Panaman administration and urged the United States to supervise the balloting.

Secretary Kellogg made the blunt reply that the government of Panama must be relied upon to hold fair elections and that this government would take the existing treaties in good faith. But he added that on account of the vast American interests in the Canal Zone that no chances would be taken and that if a revolution should ensue, American troops would be used.

While Secretary Kellogg made no specific mention of the fact, it is known that recent developments in long range guns and airplanes have made it necessary for the United States to extend its fortifications of the canal as a protective measure. These include big gun mounts outside of the Canal Zone, and some landing fields in the more remote and secluded places. The United States also wished to build some military roads outside of the Canal Zone.

DAWES LEADERSHIP WANTED

General Ideal Ban to Wage War on Crime in Chicago.

Chicago.—A proposal that Vice-President Dawes assume leadership of all the various forces that are now attempting to fight crime in Chicago has been made to the executive committee of the Chicago crime commission by Major George A. Paddock, chairman of the commission's finance committee.

Lack of concentrated force behind needed reforms and a useless repetition of effort by present methods are listed by Major Paddock as reasons for his proposal. He also expressed a belief that the vice-president would be particularly suited to lead such a co-ordinated attack.

Production of Malt Drops Off

Washington, D. C.—Whether or not less beer is being drunk, the United States production of malt—important brewing material—is falling rapidly, according to the commerce department. The census of manufacturers discloses a decrease of nearly 16 per cent in value of malt produced in 1927, compared with 1925.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, \$1.38; soft white and western white, \$1.26; hard winter and western red, \$1.16; northern spring, \$1.18.

Hay — Alfalfa \$16.50@17; valley timothy \$17.50@18; eastern Oregon timothy, \$21@21.50.

Butterfat—47@48c.

Eggs—Ranch, 25@29c.

Cattle—Sters, good, \$11.25@12.

Hogs—Medium to choice, \$9@12.

Lambs — Good to choice, \$10.75@12.25.

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.26; hard winter, western red, northern spring, \$1.16; bluestem, \$1.29.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$30; P. S., \$24.

Butterfat—48c.

Eggs—Ranch, 23@28c.

Cattle—Prime sters, \$11.25@12.10.

Hogs—Prime, \$12.06@12.95.

Lambs—Choice, \$11.25@12.25.

Spokane

Hogs — Good, and choice, \$11.25@11.35.

Cattle—Sters, good, \$10.50@11.00.

PLAN TO SHUT OFF LIQUOR SHIPMENTS

Inspection of Freight Cars From Canada to be More Rigid.

Washington, D. C.—A plan to shut off liquor shipments from Canada was placed in effect by the treasury, consisting of new regulations drastically tightening rules governing the inspection of freight cars passing through Canada en route between American points.

Assistant Secretary Seymour Lowman, in charge of dry law enforcement, said bootleggers had obtained a number of the blue seals used by customs agents to designate cars inspected before leaving American territory and that these seals had been applied to cars which after being loaded with Canadian liquor, were attached to through trains.

He said it was believed that minor railroad employees had been bribed to assist both in obtaining the seals and also in handling the cars.

Under the new regulations, he declared, each blue seal would be given a serial number and in addition would bear the name and number of the car to which it was applied. Thus, he explained, that a train when made up for entrance into Canadian territory would have all through freight cars stamped with consecutively numbered blue seals.

The assistant secretary said he regarded the new regulations as putting teeth into enforcement as heretofore a car once reaching American soil could be disposed of by bootleggers with comparative ease.

DRY AGENT WOUNDED BY SHERIFF DIES

Leavenworth, Wash. — Ludwig P. Johnson, prohibition agent of Spokane, shot five times here in a gun duel with Sheriff Pete Wheeler and Deputy Ralph Hand, died from complications from a wound in the abdomen.

The duel occurred with Johnson and Gerald Church, acting prohibition chief of this district, saw Sheriff Wheeler and Deputy Hand loading a still on a truck.

Failing to identify the men in the darkness and believing them to be bootleggers, the agents commanded Wheeler and Hand to "Stick 'em up." The sheriff and his deputy believed they were being "hi-jacked," and the gun duel followed. The federalists say they mistook the county officers for moonshiners and opened fire. Hand shot Johnson five times when Johnson put a gun to Hand's head and ordered "Stick 'em up or I'll shoot." Lars Johnson, Colville, father of the wounded man, his sister and his daughter arrived before he died. Johnson was once sheriff of Stevens county.

Hand formerly lived in Cottage Grove, Or., and is well known as a wrestler.

CALLES MAY RETIRE

Mexican President Does Not Wish to Retain Office.

Mexico City.—President Calles does not intend to remain chief executive of Mexico after his present term expires December 1, he told persons in his confidence. If nothing happens to shake his determination, it appeared likely that Aaron Saenz, governor of the state of Nuevo Leon, would succeed to the presidency to which the late General Alvaro Obregon was elected July 1.

The decision of the president not to succeed himself has served further to clear the political atmosphere, as despite the demand in many quarters that he be named provisional president for a two-year term, there has been some doubt as to whether this would be legal under the constitution.

United States to Bar Fruit Trees

Washington, D. C.—Importation into the United States of nursery stocks of apple, pear, quince and Mazzard cherry will be prohibited after July 1, 1930, under a decision of the federal horticultural board approved by Secretary Jardine. The availability of American-grown stocks of these fruits and the danger from possible entry of new fruit pests with foreign stocks were given by the board to justify the exclusion.

British Lock Out 500,000 Workers

Manchester, Eng.—A lockout that will affect about 500,000 workers was decided upon here by the Master Spinners' federation as a means of alleviating conditions in the industry. The lockout will be effective August 11.

Will Notify Smith August 22

Albany, N. Y.—Governor Smith will be notified of his nomination Wednesday evening, August 22. The ceremony will take place on the east steps of the state capitol here.