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FARM AID LEADERS LINING UP FORCES

Would Delay Adjournment of Congress Until Relief Legislation Is Passed.

Washington, D. C.—With President Coolidge represented as standing aloof in the senate fight over farm relief legislation, agricultural leaders are whipping their forces in line to prevent an adjournment of congress until some measure is passed.

They claim they have two-thirds of the senate pledged to stay in Washington until a bill is passed.

So far all discussion in the senate has been by advocates of the McNary bill to appropriate \$375,000,000 for the disposal of surplus crops.

After discussing the legislative program with President Coolidge, senate leaders apparently were as far as sea as ever on the probable date of the adjournment of congress.

Estimates ranged all the way from June 10 to July 15, with farm relief legislation and the French debt settlement admitted to be the principal barriers to an early adjournment.

Those who took their problems to the president were Senators Curtis of Kansas, the majority floor leader; Wadsworth of New York, chairman of the republican steering committee, and Butler of Massachusetts, chairman of the republican national committee.

Mr. Coolidge was represented as being insistent that the French debt settlement be ratified at this session if there is favorable action by the French parliament. The remainder of the legislative program was left to the leaders.

In addition to farm relief and the French debt, bills which will be pressed by their proponents include the army and navy air service expansion measures; the \$32,000,000 federal aid road bill; the Dill measure for radio control and the Copeland coal bill.

BURBANK CACTUSES GROW THORNS AGAIN

Santa Barbara, Cal.—When Luther Burbank, late plant wizard, perfected the spineless cactus a large lot here owned by S. G. and J. L. Kelley was planted to the desert growth and thousands of persons marvelled at the plant that grew without thorns and bearing delectable pears.

In the last few weeks, since Burbank's death, spines have appeared on the cactus and the city of Santa Barbara served notice on the owners of the patch to destroy them as weeds.

Those who believe in the supernatural are speculating as to whether or not the plant wizard's passing has anything to do with it.

FUNDAMENTALISTS BEATEN

Dr. Brounger of Oakland, California Is Elected President.

Washington, D. C.—The ultra fundamentalist faction of the northern Baptist convention suffered an overwhelming defeat when its ticket for officers of the American Baptist foreign missions society, the only election in which there was a contest, was defeated, 1708 to 481.

The winning ticket was headed by Carl E. Milliken, ex-governor of Maine, and represented the conciliation group of the convention.

A resolution, providing for a six-months' truce on controverted subjects between fundamentalists and modernists, was adopted.

Rev. J. Whitcomb Brounger of Oakland, Cal., was elected president of the convention.

The expected opposition from fundamentalists to the election of Brounger, did not materialize.

Wet Bill is Offered in Massachusetts.

Boston.—A bill calling for a statewide referendum on the question of modifying the Volstead act so as to permit the manufacture, sale and distribution of beverage liquors to contain more than one-half of one per cent alcohol, yet to be non-intoxicating, was filed in the house by Representative Roland D. Sawyer of Ware.

President Signs Alien Bill.

Washington, D. C.—The bill to permit admission to the United States of aliens who served with the American forces in the world war without regard to immigration quota restrictions was signed by President Coolidge.

TO DETERMINE OREGON HIGH SCHOOL STUDIES

University of Oregon, (Special)—While it is unknown whether the product of Oregon high schools is better or worse than in other states, the curricula of secondary schools in the state compare favorably with those in other parts of the country, according to F. L. Stetson, of the school of education, who is studying the problem.

The subject matter to be included in the high school program of studies has for some time been the subject of investigation throughout the country, attracting the attention of many of the foremost educators. In Oregon a state commission, which is headed by Dean Alden of Willamette University and which recently met in Eugene with leading educators of Oregon, is endeavoring to determine what studies should be taught in schools. The bill proposed by Senator Eddy at the last meeting of the legislature gave an impetus to the investigation in Oregon.

"Teachers and the public all realize that high school studies need to be examined closely," said Professor Stetson, "if we are to keep the schools in touch with the problems of modern life. We want to determine where any points of inefficiency are located, although we can scarcely hope to reach a perfect selection. The problem should be handled by a scientific investigation of the situation. We don't know whether inefficiency in the high school product is due to the grade schools or the high schools. Possibly it may be caused by young and inexperienced teachers or by the lack of high school supervision in Oregon. We certainly need one or two inspectors to standardize work in our secondary schools."

"Almost every one agrees on general principals, but what we need is the scientific approach, support of premises by experienced evidence. The disagreement generally comes in working out the specific content of the curriculum. There are three ways of doing this: by following lay opinion, by referring to expert judgment, or by making a scientific study of the facts, drawing from them the necessary conclusions and following up these conclusions in actual practice. The last method is undoubtedly the most satisfactory, although it may not secure action as quickly."

Students in Oregon high schools spend most of their time on English, mathematics, sciences, foreign language, history, and civics, Professor Stetson said. The state is rather backward in the introduction of electives because the per capita cost of instruction in small classes runs very high, but in the larger schools more flexibility might be provided.

Experimental work on the efficiency of the different phases of the studies is particularly needed, Professor Stetson said. One problem which should be attacked is whether elementary school work should be continued in the high schools. Opinion on this point is divided, Professor Stetson explained, although the majority believe that the grade schools should be primarily responsible for all fundamental work such as reading, writing, arithmetic and grammar, thus leaving the high schools free to develop the necessary content of subjects, particularly those that will give an intelligent understanding of the present day world.

PENDELTON LAND DEAL

Sale of 1440 acres of wheat land at a figure in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars is announced by the East Oregonian. A section of land, 640 acres, was purchased by J. W. Schafer from Marion Jack and Mr. Jack in turn purchased 800 acres from H. W. Collins, local miller and obtained a lease on 160 acres adjoining. Mr. Collins reserved the growing crop on 480 acres of the land.

AIR MAIL AGAIN

The Pasco-Elko air mail service was resumed Tuesday morning, when planes left Pasco and Elko on their respective flights. The service was started April 6 but stopped because of difficulty which developed in the plane motors. Now motors have been installed and a week's test has been given them under actual flying conditions. Results have been very satisfactory and it is stated that the service starting Tuesday will be continued without fail.

CUTWORMS DESTROY CROP OF PENDELTON WHEAT

Wheat head cutworms have entirely destroyed the crop on approximately 40 acres of wheat owned by Lowell Granger and George Stangier of Pendleton, Mr. Stangier tells the East Oregonian, and ruined approximately 20 per cent upon a number of acres more in 400 acres of wheat they own. The cutworms, he said, came from the sod on adjoining land, traveled into the wheat and climbed up the stalks of which were too fibrous to eat, attacking the wheat heads which at this time are turning from the milky stage into soft dough.

This condition, it was announced at the office of the county agent, is very unusual and has caused considerable interest. With the exception of the Stangier place, no reports have been received of damage to other crops. The Stangier-Granger ranch is located 10 miles northwest of Pendleton.

O. D. O. CLUB

The O. D. O. club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Johnston. Sixteen members were present. The afternoon was spent in needle-work, conversation and electing officers for the coming year. Mrs. Forrest Zerba was chosen president, Mrs. Jess Smith vice-president, Mrs. Charles Smith secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Jess Gordon reporter. Plans were made for the club picnic which is to be held June 13 at Cayuse station. The club having finished a very enjoyable year, will discontinue meetings until September. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by the club committee. Guests included Mrs. William Potts and Mrs. Sam Haworth.

STANDARD PICTURES

The picture program at the Standard Theatre for the coming week, begins tomorrow night with the presentation of Anita Stewart in "Baree, Son of Kazan," who will be supported by an eminent cast in the presentation of this splendid Northern photoplay. Sunday night the Standard will offer popular Richard Dix in "The Shock Punch." Wednesday night Fox's fine picture, "Dick Turpin," will be screened.

DECORATION DAY

There were no public exercises at Athena Memorial Day. Private decoration of graves in Athena cemetery took place Sunday, Monday, the legal holiday was observed only by the two banking institutions and the postoffice force. Stores and business houses remained open for customary transaction of business.

LEE MOORHOUSE DEAD

Major Lee Moorhouse of Pendleton, one of the best known men of Eastern Oregon, Umatilla county pioneer of 1861, died Tuesday evening after a month's illness. Besides his widow he is survived by three daughters. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the residence.

WOMAN FORMER RESIDENT OF WALLA WALLA, SHOT

Details of the murder of Mrs. Emily Reynolds, formerly of Walla Walla, at Hawthorne, California by her husband, according to a confession alleged to have been made to police of that city by the spouse, are contained in a clipping from the Inglewood Daily News received at Walla Walla by Fred Bowman, says the Union. The killing took place on May 26, in the early morning. Mrs. Reynolds was the daughter of Nick Wierk, formerly a contractor in this city, who is now residing at Inglewood.

The husband and alleged confessed slayer, was formerly a banker of Hawthorne. It is believed that financial reverses which resulted in his being forced out of his bank, connected with ill health, led to the slaying.

According to the newspaper report, three revolver shots, one through the heart, entered the woman's body. The other wounds were in the chest and the right side. The shooting is said to have been preceded by a quarrel. Neighbors summoned the police after the shooting.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Returning from Walla Walla Saturday night, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lieuellen, Miss Jennamae Read and Dr. W. G. Cowan met with an accident, when the car, driven by Mr. Lieuellen, left the road while making a curve. Lights from an approaching car, it is said, somewhat blinded Mr. Lieuellen and caused him to swing too far to one side. The car turned over, bruising the occupants somewhat, and damaging the machine.

NEW DEPOT

The Union Pacific will build a new depot at Milton-Freewater station in the near future. According to present plans, the new building will be 135 feet long, 35 feet wide and will be of brick and stucco construction with a wide concrete platform, the office and the waiting room will be commodious with special built in features and the entire building will be steam heated, and modern in every particular.

NO WHEAT OUT OF INDIA

India will have practically no wheat for export this year, according to a forecast of the Indian Department of Agriculture of a crop of 328,208,000 bushels, compared with 324,651,000 last year and the five year average of \$329,571,000. Normal consumption in India will take the entire harvest.

ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. Etta Y. Sanderson, editor of the Freewater Times, was elected vice-president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, at the meeting of Grand Assembly at Salem, last week.

FAMOUS ARTIST INSTRUCTS



William de Lettwich Dodge, famous mural artist, in his studio at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition grounds in Philadelphia, where the 150th anniversary of signing the Declaration of Independence will be celebrated from June, to December, of this year, giving instructions to a group of young artists who are creating the "Rainbow City." Mr. Dodge is the color expert for the exposition, and every bit of color work done must be approved by him.

IMBLER HAS BIG BLAZE

Approximately \$80,000 loss was suffered at Imbler, Oregon, 11 miles northwest of La Grande, Saturday night when fire razed a grain elevator and its contents, two warehouses and the stockyards. The origin of the fire, which started in the J. Blackington warehouse, was undetermined. The fire spread rapidly and in a short time attacked the F. N. Martin warehouse, the stockyards and the elevator, leveling all. Imbler, without fire fighting equipment, called La Grande and Elgin for help. Both towns responded.

BLUE MOUNTAIN LEAGUE

Sunday ball games in the Blue Mountain league, resulted in Walla Walla winning from the Reservation Indians at Pendleton, 2 to 1. Pendleton defeated Pasco at Pasco, 4 to 0. Walla Walla is in first place, having won six and lost one; Pendleton second, with five wins and two losses; Indians two wins and five losses; Pasco one win and six lost.

CROP IS SPOTTED

The wheat crop in Walla Walla county is considerably spotted this year according to B. F. Brewer of the farmers agency. Some of the wheat in the foothills is clean but in the light land sections it is quite weedy. Mr. Brewer does not believe the crop will be up to last years.

D'MOLAY PICNIC

Pendleton chapter DeMolay held their annual picnic at Bingham Springs, Sunday. Forty members of the order were present.

SALE OF VESSELS TO DOLLAR SIGNED

Contract Completed in Spite of Senate Committee's Vote Against It.

Washington, D. C.—The closing chapter of the futile struggle by the shipping interests of the Pacific northwest to prevent sale of their only fast freight line to the orient to the Dollar interests of San Francisco was marked by a touch of grim humor when President Coolidge decided to intervene at the last moment only to learn that the United States shipping board had signed the agreement of sale a few moments before.

Senators McNary and Jones called at the White House after the commerce committee, by majority vote, had passed a resolution condemning the sale. They read the committee's expression to the president along with the telegram of the northwest bidders offering to pay \$2,500,000 more for the Admiral-Oriental fleet than R. Stanley Dollar had bid, and discussed the feeling in Oregon and Washington against the proposed sale at some length.

At the conclusion of the interview Mr. Coolidge summoned Chairman O'Connor of the shipping board to the executive offices, presumably to ask whether the whole transaction might not be reviewed. O'Connor appeared in the company of Commissioner J. H. Walsh and informed the president that he had exercised the discretion conferred on him to direct final signing of the sales contract a short time before. Thus the last hope of the northwest to block the sale withered and died.

CLUB WOMEN BACK DRY LAW

Atlantic City, N. J.—Uncompromising support of the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act was pledged by the General Federation of Women's Clubs. There was not a single dissenting voice against passage of the resolution, which was adopted without discussion.

In the motion offered by Mrs. Gilbert F. Davis of Windsor, Vt., it was recited that there had been much agitation for modification of the Volstead act during the sixty-ninth session of congress, and very pronounced political activity in the states. It was deemed necessary, therefore, that the general federation should "renew its unequivocal stand taken at the Chautauqua and Los Angeles biennials."

A "know your courts" resolution also was adopted, urging every club to include such work in its program for the coming year. It was stated that the organization views with concern the great increase in crime in the country.

GOVERNOR PIERCE INJURED

State Executive Breaks Rib in Tumble at Flax Plant.

Salem, Or.—Governor Pierce is suffering with a displaced and possibly fractured rib resulting from a fall Monday while he was inspecting the flax plant at the state penitentiary. A flax wagon while passing a flight of steps collapsed with the steps and knocked the underpinning from under one of them, but left the step in place. Shortly afterward the governor was descending the steps when the damaged one collapsed with him.

Although in some discomfort he was able to be at his office in the Capitol.

U. S. EXPORTS \$397,195,833

Imports for January Amount to \$19,570,580 More.

Washington, D. C.—Revised figures on the foreign trade of the United States for January, made public by the commerce department, showed the unfavorable trade balance against America for the month was \$19,570,580. Preliminary figures had placed it at approximately \$15,000,000.

The imports for the month were valued at \$397,195,833. Europe held first place in the trade, sending here goods valued at \$111,210,059 and taking American goods to the amount of \$159,794,209.

These figures showed exports to Europe had fallen off approximately \$70,000,000 as compared with a year ago, while imports from Europe had increased more than \$8,000,000.

Here Comes the Bride

