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CONFISCATION BILL FAILS IN GERMANY

Vote on Proposal to Turn Property of ex-Rulers to Public Not Large Enough.

Berlin. — Germany's first national referendum under the republican constitution, held to decide the question of expropriating without compensation the entire properties and estates of the ex-rulers, with particular interest centering on the German ex-emperor and the Hohenzollern family, failed to poll an affirmative vote of half the eligible electors.

The returns from 35 federal districts were: Affirmative, 14,889,703, and negative, 542,811.

Fully 60 per cent of the eligible voters stayed away from the polls, while 35 per cent endorsed unconditional confiscation. Defective ballots and negative votes constituted only a small percentage.

While admitting that the advocates of the expropriation made a respectable showing in the balloting, the government leaders were visibly gratified when final returns definitely presaged the measure's defeat. Their satisfaction was prompted quite as much by internal political considerations as the feeling that the definite rejection of such a radical law will impress the outside world with the conservative character of the German electorate, regardless of the fact that the personal interests of the ex-princes were at stake.

FRANCE LIFTS TARIFF ON WHEAT

Washington, D. C.—Holding out the promise for a new market for surplus American wheat, the French chamber of deputies has passed unanimously a bill exempting foreign wheat from all import duties until July 31, according to cable advices to the department of commerce.

Record shipments to France are expected if the bill passes the senate, a committee of which has given it a favorable report. The present French tariff on foreign wheat from this country is more than 10 cents a bushel, heavy enough to restrict drastically exports to that country.

Lifting of the tariff was attributed to need for bread at lower prices, due to the drop in the franc's purchasing power. To meet this need, it was said, France probably would import vast quantities during the six-week period.

MINNESOTA NOMINATES WET

Republican Congressional Candidate Youngest Ever Picked There.

St. Paul, Minn.—Minnesota republicans have nominated as their first prohibition modification advocate to congress a 23-year-old man, the youngest ever chosen by the state for that office. They also renominated Governor Theodore Christianson.

Melvin J. Maas, the victor in the recent primary, polled as many votes as his two opponents together to win the nomination in the fourth district, which includes St. Paul.

In the other major state race, for the Farmer-Labor gubernatorial nomination, Magnus Johnson, former United States senator, and Tom Davis, Minneapolis attorney, ran a close race, with Johnson several hundred votes in the lead.

Maas, who favored modification to permit light wines and beer but no saloons, ousted Representative Oscar E. Keller, elected to congress four times from the fourth district.

Navy Department Buys 100 Planes.

Washington, D. C.—A contract for 100 navy planes has been let by the department to the Glenn Martin company of Cleveland, O., which submitted the lowest bid.

Seattle Ex-Mayor to Run for Senate.

Seattle, Wash. — Edwin J. Brown, dentist and former mayor of this city, formally announced his candidacy for U. S. senator shortly before sailing for Alaska.

Farm Aid Hope Low in House.

Washington, D. C.—Indicating it had no hope of further effort in the house to enact farm relief legislation this session unless the senate passes the McNary corn belt bill, the house agriculture committee adjourned until next December.

SUPREME COURT DECIDES AGAINST WILLOS, KELLEY

Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, convicts at the state penitentiary, must die on the gallows for their part in the prison break of last August 12 in which John Sweeney and J. M. Holman, guards, were killed. The supreme court in an opinion by Justice Burnett affirms the lower court for Marion county, where the case was tried before Judge Percy R. Kelley and a jury returned a verdict of guilty of first degree murder. They are subsequently sentenced to be hanged.

It will now be necessary for the two men to be resented to death after the mandate is returned to the lower court.

Tom Murray, who fired the shot that killed Sweeney and who was tried separately and sentenced to death, committed suicide in his cell at the penitentiary on May 9 last, before his appeal had been argued in the supreme court.

Which of the escaping convicts killed Holman has always been problematical. Oregon Jones, a fourth convict, was killed in the break, left a hastily scribbled note saying he killed Holman and then committed suicide. He had been previously wounded. Kelley and Willos were convicted on the theory that as participants in the break they were equally guilty with Murray.

RICHARDS RE-ELECTED

At the annual school meeting of District No. 29, Monday afternoon, B. B. Richards, chairman of the board was re-elected to serve the three year term. Mr. Richards demurred to serving again on the board at this time, and nominated Hamp Booher. F. B. Radtke was also nominated, and on the first ballot a tie was cast for Mr. Booher and Mr. Radtke. On the second ballot Mr. Richards received the unanimous choice of those present. He stated that he felt like taking a rest inasmuch as he had served on the board during his entire residence in Athena, with the exception of four years. E. A. Zerba was elected clerk of the district.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT SERIOUS

The little son of Dan McIntyre of Dayton, Washington is in a critical condition at a Walla Walla hospital. About a week ago the child was playing with some dry beans and drew one into its windpipe. An x-ray picture shows the bean lodged in one of the lungs where it has swelled to abnormal size. Doctors have decided that an operation for its removal will be necessary. Mr. McIntyre is manager of the Skaggs store in Dayton and is a cousin of Mrs. Max Hopper and Alec McIntyre who reside in Athena.

SCHOOL MEETING MONDAY

The annual school meeting of Union High school district No. 7 will be held next Monday afternoon, June 28, at the high school building, from 2:00 to 7:00 p. m., at which time one director and a clerk will be elected. M. W. Hansell, at present a member of the Union High school board, has been prevailed upon to serve for another term and he is the candidate whose name will appear on the ballot.

CHICKEN THIEVES

Chicken thieves were recent visitors at the John Price henyard on Normal heights and succeeded in getting away with a number of young fries after wounding a house dog which disputed their entry, says the Weston Leader. Mrs. Price has sold the remainder of the fries in order to remove temptation from the path of the nefarious gentry.

MAY HAVE FLYING FIELD

Walla Walla has received information from Representative J. W. Summers, stating that there is good prospect of receiving the indorsement of the veterans' bureau for the plan of devoting one part of the veterans' hospital grounds there to an aviation field. The city would provide the equipment.

WALLA WALLA WINS

Regardless of the outcome of the remaining two games of the Blue Mountain league, Walla Walla is the pennant winner. The Walla Walla aggregation defeated the Reservation Indians Sunday 6 to 5, while Pendleton defeated Pasco 4 to 1. Walla Walla and Pendleton meet twice in the remaining games.

MISS FITCH GOES TO CORNELL AS ITS DEAN

Announcement is made that Miss R. Louise Fitch, for two years dean of women at Whitman college and formerly dean at the University of Oregon, has accepted an offer to become dean of women at Cornell University. She plans to be in Ithaca the first of September to assume her duties at that institution.

Miss Fitch is a national figure in many lines of women's work, having been at one time national secretary of the American Association of University Women. Other positions that she has held are national president of Delta Delta Delta sorority and overseas secretary for the Young Women's Christian Association, having spent two years in France in the latter capacity.

She occupies an important place in American journalism, being one of the few women editors of American newspapers. She has written several books.

GERKING-CRAWFORD

On June 16, in Spokane, the wedding of Miss Blanche Gerking and Mr. Lee Crawford was solemnized with Reverend Errett, former pastor here, officiating. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Errol Kenworthy, and was witnessed by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Gerking and a few other friends. The young couple who will be missed in church circles here, will make their home in Spokane where Mr. Crawford has employment. With his father, he was formerly occupied in farming operations in this county.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The hospitable home of Mrs. J. C. Harwood was open to the M. E. Missionary Wednesday afternoon, sixteen ladies present. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Mrs. W. O. Read, president; Mrs. J. F. Herr, vice-president; Mrs. V. T. Hirsch, secretary; Mrs. J. C. Harwood, secretary; Mrs. William McLeod, mite-box and literary secretary. Remainder of the afternoon was spent in a social time, followed with a dainty repast served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. E. C. Prest-bye.

FORD CARS REDUCED

Reductions in the prices of all models of Ford cars and trucks are announced. The reductions will average \$45, making the new price, f. o. b. Detroit, as follows: Roadster, \$360; touring car, \$380; coupe, \$485; Tudor sedan, \$495; Fordor sedan, \$545; commercial chassis, \$300; ton truck chassis, \$375. At the same time the announcement was made that all Ford cars will be equipped with balloon tires and starters.

PILOT ROCK WOOL SOLD

The Joe Pedro wool clip of 50,000 pounds at Pilot Rock was bought by E. J. Burke and company at 30 cents this week. This is one of the last lots of choice wool left unsold in Oregon.

WAR TIME INSURANCE IS EXTENDED FOR ONE YEAR

Instructions have just been received by the Portland office of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau authorizing reinstatement of war-time insurance by ex-service men until July 2, 1927, according to an announcement made by Kenneth L. Cooper, Regional manager of the bureau. July 2, 1926, had been set by Congress as the time limit for both reinstatement and conversion of war risk insurance but the new order extends the time one year.

An added feature in this connection is the privilege of taking out a five-year level premium term policy at a low rate prior to the above date which may later be converted into one of the six forms of permanent life and endowment government policies. This gives the ex-service man until July 2, 1927 to secure the low rate five year policy.

The American Legion advocated this legislation on the grounds that many war veterans have not yet adjusted their economic affairs to such an extent that they can afford at this time to carry one of the government's permanent insurance policies.

PLENTY OF TRIP BUT NO FISH

A fishing trip full of trials and tribulations and plenty of experience but minus the fish, was the fate of Lloyd Michener and Arthur Jenkins of Athena and Charlie Alspach and Fred Boylen of Helix. The party motored to Lostine with Lostine Lake their goal, but to reach it they were forced to break a trail through for a distance of five miles. Fishing at the lake is done from rafts, and when the local party arrived all rafts were in use and no more to be had, so they are now enjoying the trip from the standpoint of what a string they might have brought home "if—"

PAINTING AND CALSOMINING

The board of directors of Union High School District No. 7 are having much needed improvement done at the school building. The interior is being newly calsomined and painted. Justin Harwood, painter, assisted by Fred and Dean Pinkerton, is doing the work. New toilet equipment and two inch in place of the one inch water pipe now in service, will be put in.

A PHILOSOPHER

Weston Leader: J. M. Banister parted with the last of his 1925 wheat crop Saturday at \$1.25 the bushel. Something of a philosopher, John has just about succeeded in convincing himself that, by holding, he didn't lose what he never received.

FIRST WHEAT TEST

First testing and first samples of wheat for the season were reported by the H. W. Collins company of Pendleton, on federation wheat of W. R. Wyrick at Yokum, testing 60 pounds to the bushel and going 24 bushels to the acre.

FOLLOWS EMANCIPATOR



Milton R. Moskow, twelve-year-old San Francisco schoolboy who since the age of five has patterned his life after that of Abraham Lincoln, aspires to occupy the White House some day as his hero did. He has been nominated as a candidate for the American Youth Award established by the directors of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, held in Philadelphia from June 1 to December 1 in celebration of 150 years of American Independence. Under the plan of the American Youth Award and the American Teacher Award, each state will select a boy and a girl and a woman teacher who best represent American ideals, and they will be given trips to Philadelphia and to Washington, where they will receive medals from President Coolidge.

TONIGHT AND TOMORROW

So that all may see the "Sea Beast" from good seats, the big picture will be shown tonight and tomorrow night. So far as possible, it would be desirable for town people to attend tonight's show and thus relieve the usual crowded conditions which prevail on Saturday nights, when the people residing in the country come for their evening's entertainment. Also tonight's show affords Athena business men a better opportunity of seeing the picture. Sunday night Gloria Swanson will be seen in "The Coast of Folly," Wednesday night "Silver Treasure," a splendid picture will be shown.

YAKIMA SALMON DIE

The claim that 98 per cent of last year's salmon hatch of the district is now being destroyed in the Yakima valley on account of the extreme low water in the irrigation ditches, is made by State Superintendent of Hatcheries L. E. Mayhall, in a report just forwarded to State License Director Charles R. Maybury.

WRECKED CARS

Almost every day sees a car or cars in the ditch or wrecked along the highway. Tuesday a car, almost a total wreck was towed into Athena. A rim had come off one of the wheels and the driver losing control of the car turned over several times and landed in a ditch at the side of the highway. One woman was seriously injured and was rushed to a Walla Walla hospital. Other occupants of the car were badly bruised and shaken up.

RANGER FOUND DEAD

William Hanover, forest ranger, of the Nez Perce National forest, with headquarters at Adams Camp, 26 miles south of Grangeville, was found dead on a forest trail, near Windy River, on the banks of Salmon river. His horse came to camp and a searching party found his body on a steep incline among rocks 60 feet from the trail, indicating the horse threw him.

ALEXANDER STORE SOLD

G. H. Hyatt and Harvey Brawn both of Goldendale, have purchased the R. Alexander men's furnishings store, Pendleton, and will take possession July 1, operating under the firm name of R. Alexander and company, Inc., Hyatt and Brawn, successors.

WALLA WALLA SHIPS APPLES

Carload shipments of cooking apples have started from Walla Walla, Duchess and Astrachen being the varieties shipped. These are the earliest shipments on record. The cherry market slumped, the supplies being ahead of demand, and several produce houses refused to take more.

PRIMARY EXPENSES NEARLY \$3,000,000

Candidates' Expenditures in Pennsylvania Election Reach Enormous Figure.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Expenses of the republican primary in Pennsylvania last month approached the \$3,000,000 mark in figures compiled here from accounts filed with the state bureau of elections.

The senatorial contest in which Representative Vore defeated Senator Pepper and Governor Pinchot showed a total close to \$2,500,000 with the computation incomplete. The accounts filed by gubernatorial candidates added more than \$225,000 to this sum.

Expenditures in behalf of the Vore candidacy, which has been estimated at \$595,000 in testimony before the United States senate committee investigating campaign funds, were boosted \$16,806.

Expenses totaling \$1,631,242 were shown in reports filed by the large committees which spent money in support of the ticket headed by Senator Pepper.

The expenditures of Governor Pinchot's campaign, including those of county committees, were estimated at \$195,000 in testimony before the senatorial investigators in Washington.

MORE FIGURES IN PRIMARY SUMMONED

Washington, D. C.—The long arm of a senate subpoena reached out for half a dozen more of the principal figures in Pennsylvania's recent \$2,000,000 republican primary.

Those summoned before the campaign fund investigating committee for next week includes John S. Fisher, successful candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, and his opponent, E. E. Beidleman, and Albert N. Greenfield, Philadelphia capitalist and "angel" of the William S. Vore for senate organizations.

Others called to relate their part in the Keystone state contest were W. Harry Baker of Harrisburg, ex-chairman and now secretary of the republican state central committee, State Senator Leslie of Pittsburgh, described as the "boss" of Allegheny county, and Joseph Armstrong and E. V. Babcock, commissioners of Allegheny county.

Besides inquiring further into the activities, political and financial, of the national dry organization, the committee has decided to inquire into the raising and expenditure of a large sum of money by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Pennsylvania.

OREGON TOTAL \$100,534.90

Stelwer's Disbursements Lead Field, With Stanfield's Next.

Salem, Or.—Candidates for all offices at the primary election held in Oregon last month expended a total of \$100,534.90 in conducting their campaigns, according to figures compiled by the secretary of state.

The expenditures of republican candidates aggregated \$94,892.45, while the democratic expenditures totaled \$55642.45.

The largest individual expenditures reported to the secretary of state were in connection with the republican contest for United States senator. Frederick Stelwer, successful candidate for this office, spent a total of \$10,875.61, while Robert N. Stanfield, incumbent and candidate for re-election, expended \$10,010.17.

There was a total of 159,068 votes cast at the primary election, of which number 125,077 were republicans and 33,981 democrats.

British Women Favor Peace.

London.—Britain's women held a vast peace demonstration, with "law, not war," as their cry. It was estimated that 8000 women who marched from Britain's provinces attended the demonstration, in addition to the great crowds of men and women from London.

Washington, D. C.—Senator James W. Wadsworth, republican, of New York in a letter outlining his views on the prohibition issue, dispelled all doubt as to his position and declared his belief that the 18th amendment was a mistake and that the Volstead act should be modified. Wadsworth burned all his bridges behind him and came forth as a frank and avowed wet.