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PRODUCERS PLAN CONTROL OF GRAIN

Marketing Agencies Contemplating \$25,000,000 Merger of Chicago Companies.

Chicago, Ill.—A detailed plan under which five large grain concerns and 5000 co-operative elevators would come under producer control has been formally submitted to the executive committee of the American Farm Bureau federation.

Under the plan co-operative grain marketing organizations eventually would be accorded the trading privileges of the Chicago board of trade.

A committee of the federation, with President Bradfute as chairman, now is considering the feasibility of the merger. Under the plan the Armour Grain company, Rosenbaum Brothers, Bartlett, Frazier & Co., C. J. Shaffer & Co., and the Rosenbaum Grain Corporation would sell their machinery and other assets to the farmer organizations. The deal would involve some \$25,000,000, it is estimated, and would handle about 75 per cent of the entire grain output of the country.

Bradfute issued a statement pointing out the desirability of a great co-operative agency. An agency of this sort might bring about the long sought shorter channel between producer and consumer, he said.

"We now market two-thirds of the entire tobacco crop through co-operative channels," Bradfute said.

"The bulk of the California raisin crop and many other crops are marketed through co-operative agencies, and there is no reason why all other farm crops cannot be marketed through similar agencies."

GOVERNMENT PROBES GASOLINE SITUATION

Washington, D. C.—The government's intention to go to the bottom of the whole gasoline price situation probably through the courts, was indicated by Attorney-General Stone. Mr. Stone announced he would call a conference here early in July of attorneys general of states most interested in the alleged price-fixing conspiracy in the gasoline industry.

Stone said he had received the federal trade commission's report on the industry and that the justice department inquiry would be completed shortly.

Whether the department has uncovered some semblance of price maintenance arrangements was not stated.

When the department completes its preparatory study of the gasoline question, it expects to be able to lay before the public a complete picture of the oil industry in this country from production through to refining and distribution.

PARLEY IN LONDON FAVORED

MacDonald and Herriot Reach Agreement to Call Allied Conference.

London.—The British prime minister, Ramsay MacDonald, and M. Herriot, the French premier, have agreed, providing there is no objection from the other allies, that an allied conference shall be held in London not later than mid-July.

The purpose is to settle definitely the procedure to be adopted for putting the Dawes report into execution. What is possibly of still greater importance is that the two premiers will visit Geneva together at the opening of the assembly of the league of nations in September next.

I. W. W. Held Innocent.

Sacramento, Cal.—Officials of the state department of agriculture scouted reports from San Pedro to the effect that I. W. W. had spread the hoof and mouth disease in California. H. G. Hecke, state director of agriculture, stated that the jump of the disease from Merced county to Los Angeles county had been traced to a shipment of infected cattle.

Pioneer Oregon Town Visited By Fire. Marshfield, Or.—Old historic buildings which figured in the pioneer life of southwestern Oregon were wiped out by a fire which early Sunday morning swept the water front section of Empire on Coos bay and for a time threatened destruction of the entire town which was the first county seat of Coos county.

Girl Confesses She Burned School. Los Angeles.—A little girl, 14 years old, Josephine Bartholme, was held by county officers, following announcement of her confession here that she set fire to the Hope Development school at Playa del Rey, near here, May 31, when 24 lives were lost.

Senator Curtis' Wife Succumbs. Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Anna Baird Curtis, wife of Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas, died at her home here.

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Ed Jackson, who is the Republican candidate for governor of Indiana.

ARMY FLIER CROSSES COUNTRY IN DAYLIGHT

San Francisco.—Lieutenant Russell L. Maughan, army flier, successfully completed his daylight long distance flight from New York to San Francisco Monday when he landed at Crissy Field at 9:47:15.

The total time Lieutenant Maughan took when he hopped off at New York until he landed at San Francisco was 21 hours 48 minutes, including three hours and 28 minutes taken out at five stops as follows: Dayton, one hour; St. Joseph 45 minutes; North Platte, 23 minutes; Cheyenne 39 minutes, and Saltduro 31 minutes.

Aside from evidences of nervousness and extreme fatigue, the airman was in excellent physical condition despite the rigorous journey he had completed.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Frank G. Carpenter, the traveler and correspondent, died at Nanking, China.

The 29-mile cutoff on the Union Pacific line, which will place Boise, Idaho, on the transcontinental line, will be opened September 1.

Two persons were killed, upwards of 30 were injured and property damage estimated at half a million dollars was done in Dickinson, N. D., by a tornado.

Storms and heat in the Mississippi and Ohio river valleys took a toll of more than 23 lives and caused injuries or prostrations to more than a score of others and property loss estimated at more than \$2,000,000. The greatest storm damage occurred in Racine county, Wisconsin.

Duncan McDonald of Springfield, Ill., former head of the Illinois Mine Workers' Union, was unanimously nominated for president on the Farmer-Labor party ticket, and William Bank of Sedro-Woolley, Wash., was unanimously nominated for vice president at the convention held in St. Paul.

The American reply to the Japanese protest against the exclusion provision of the immigration act is cordial and friendly in tone, but at the same time makes it clear that the exclusion provision in no way trespasses upon any written or implied obligations on the part of the United States. Secretary Hughes points out that the congress is wholly within its right in the enactment of the provision.

British Columbia Defeats Beer Sale.

Vancouver, B. C.—British Columbia electors decided against a return of the beer bar in this province. Liquor as well as beer is now on sale in government stores and this system has been in vogue two years. A plebiscite was submitted to decide whether it ceased bars for beer only should be allowed. In Vancouver, Victoria and other important cities the vote was decisively against the proposal. Beer will continue on sale in government stores, but the buyer must take it home or to his hotel room to consume it.

Disabled Vets Open Conclave.

Salt Lake City.—Thousands of former soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the World war and were wounded or disabled in the conflict, thus entitling them to membership in the Disabled Veterans of the World War association, were in attendance when the organization's annual six-day convention opened here Monday. In addition to the D. A. V., the national Service Star Legion also opened its annual conclave.

Employment Falls Off in Big Plants.

Washington, D. C.—Employment in manufacturing industries in the United States decreased 4.3 per cent in May, while payroll totals decreased 5.1 per cent, and per capita earnings decreased 1 per cent, the department of labor announced.

DEMOCRATS MEET TO NAME CANDIDATE

Demonstrations of Respect For Woodrow Wilson Permeate Initial Session.

New York.—The Democratic national convention swung through its first session, swayed by the skillful and forceful oratory of the temporary chairman Senator Pat Harrison.

It was a hot day and it was still hotter in the Madison Square Garden. Harrison nevertheless swept the delegates to high pitches of enthusiasm and once at the conclusion of a long demonstration for Woodrow Wilson, there was a moment when the great throng struck a revival note. The band was playing "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah."

In fact the initial session was permeated with the atmosphere of respect for the democratic war president. Every reference to his name brought cheers and applause and on one occasion a demonstration lasted approximately 15 minutes.

National Committee Chairman Hull in a few brief words called the great assembly to order and gave way to Cardinal Hayes, who offered the invocation. The great audience stood in silent reverence as the voice of the prelate penetrated to the farthest part of the big Garden.

When the national convention opened the opposing forces of McAdoo and Smith faced each other in solid phalanx, each claiming victory, but each straining every resource to consolidate its position. The managers of other candidates were at work no less earnestly to build up a substantial backing for their favorites, should their hopes of a prolonged deadlock be fulfilled.

The contest became a struggle matching in its intensity the most celebrated in party history and with the added modern qualities of feverish haste and perfect organization. Distributed everywhere, the missionaries for Smith and McAdoo carried their gospel into every nook and corner where delegates were to be found.

Estimates of the number of ballots which will be taken before an agreement is reached run all the way from 10 to 50.

U. S. AND FRANCE CONFERENCE ON RUSSIA

Washington, D. C.—France and the United States are exchanging views on recognition of Russia, it was officially learned here.

Details of the exchange are being kept secret, but it is understood that the Herriot government of France took the initiative with a view of aligning this country with it in a joint program of recognition terms to be offered Russia.

Premier Herriot's present conversations with Premier MacDonald of England likewise are understood to be on the same matter.

It is understood that the rapprochement of China and Russia, which jeopardizes French and American interests in the Chinese Eastern railway, also is being discussed.

State department officials refuse to discuss the matter.

BOMBARDMENT THREATENED

British Naval Commander Forces Shooting of Chinese Leaders.

Peking.—Under threat that he would bombard the city of Wanshan, on the Yangtze river in Szechwan province, the commander of the British gunboat Cockchafer compelled the highest military leaders there to walk to the cemetery in full uniform behind the casket containing the body of Edwin C. Hawley, the American killed there by Chinese junk men, and to attend the burial service for him.

After the Chinese leaders had made their compulsory demonstration of respect to the murdered American they carried out the orders of the commander of the Cockchafer to arrest the two leading members of the junk men's guild in Wanshan, convey them to the spot on the beach where Hawley was beaten and execute them by shooting.

Bonus Blanks Distributed.

Washington, D. C.—The first step in the mammoth job of paying the soldier bonus was taken Saturday when distribution of 6,000,000 application blanks was begun in all parts of the country. The veterans can secure their blanks at American Legion posts, Red Cross chapters, local organizations of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled Veterans, and army, navy and marine corps stations, it was announced by Adjutant General Davis, in charge of the bonus.

Taxpayers to Receive Refunds.

Washington, D. C.—More than a million income taxpayers will receive refunds from the government as a result of the 25 per cent reduction of 1923 taxes.

WOMEN TRADED FOR ANIMALS

Sudden Death Is Commonplace in Remote Districts of Mindanao.

Manila.—There is a simplicity about the barbarous customs of the pagan inhabitants of interior Bukidnon and other scarcely scratched districts of Mindanao that is almost naive. Despite the law and the ubiquity of constabulary patrols, human life is cheap, sudden death is commonplace, women are bartered and children are kidnapped and sold into slavery. One day in March a Manobo, Ligdonan by name, was taking his ease in his bamboo hut in the sitio Cabanglasan while his wife and daughter, Julia, were preparing food. Cumobay, the son, was also in the hut, busy on some household duty. Presently along the trail from sitio Marent came Lomlay Mandingnan and Hinobayan Mandinalda, both former acquaintances of Ligdonan. The latter invited the visitors to enter and partake of the meal, which shortly would be served.

Suddenly Attacks Host.

For some time the three men squatted on the floor, smoking and talking. The roving eyes of Lomlay took in the contents of the shack, including the wife, Mahigun, and the daughter, Julia, who, though young, was pleasant to see. A girl of some price, evidently. So thought Lomlay, and with a swift spring he unheeded his bolt and slashed at Ligdonan. All unprepared, the man had no chance. The keen blade clove through his right arm to the shoulder, and even penetrated his side to his lungs. For a few minutes the stricken man writhed on the floor, while his life blood poured through the bamboo slats to the ground below. Terrified, the wife and her two children tried to escape, but the assailants tripped them and held them, struggling. Thereupon three accomplices—Tig Mandanay, Sayanap and a man unknown—who had been hiding in a nearby creek, came up and helped to tie the hands of the three prisoners behind their backs.

The five raiders, after they had eaten their fill, departed with their captives and took them by devious trails through the wilderness until they reached the bank of the river Pulangi, where the party divided. Tig Mandanay and the unknown man, acquired the mother and the daughter. Sayanap obtained possession of Cumobay in exchange for a horse.

Boy Escapes.

"Most probably," reads the report, "the woman Mahigun and her daughter, Julia, were taken to Unayan or some other remote place where they could be bartered for animals." Cumobay was taken to the house of Sayanap, where he was held a prisoner, tied down to the floor. However, during the third night, when all others in the house were sleeping, the boy contrived to loosen his bonds and escape through a window. Traveling only by night, and hiding in the jungle by day, he made his way back to Cabanglasan and brought the news to the council there.

The motive of the crime is believed to be no other than that of an old practice of the wild tribes, which still prevails in certain parts of the interior. It is reported that Salug, in Davao province, is a market center where these wild pagans meet and exchange human captives for beasts, and vice versa.

A patrol under Sergeant Beramin, Seventy-sixth company, was at once dispatched to Bawa to investigate the case, and gather such information as would enable the authorities to deal with the situation.

Bones of an Indian Swept From Grave

Westfield, Mass.—Bones, believed to be those of an Indian interred hundreds of years ago, were uncovered by boys playing along the bank of the Westfield river at Little River recently and were taken in charge by the police. The high water in the two rivers the early part of the month washed away a large amount of the bank adjoining the property of J. Wells Loomis and apparently cut into the old grave.

The bones apparently had been in the ground many years. However, they were in a better state of preservation than other bones of Indians which have been uncovered here in late years.

The skull was intact, including the lower jawbone, and there were some teeth remaining in it. One side of the skull had been broken. The bones were found on the site of the old fort and first meeting house, which site has been marked by the Western Hampden Historical society.

Noiseless Plane Engine Success at Dayton Field

Dayton, Ohio.—Noiseless airplanes, long a dream of aviators, became a reality when McCook field flyers announced the successful test of a device that eliminates the drone of the engine. The silencer, an exhaust muffler attached to the engine, occasions a loss of 3 per cent of the engine's power, field engineers said. Experiments to produce noiseless airplane motors have been going on for several years.

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OREGON NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

According to a report by the Klamath county agent's office, eight steers were infected with rabies and died recently at the Hegelstein ranch on Sprague river, presumably infected from the bite of a rabid coyote.

J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, has gone to Washington, D. C., where he will attend the annual convention of the National Education association, June 30 to July 3. He was accompanied by Mrs. Churchill.

Salem banks will help finance a new loganberry pool formed at a meeting of 69 growers who had found no market for their fruit. The plan formulated is that growers will finance the picking and arrangements will then be made for canning on a cost plus basis.

The effect of motor competition upon the passenger traffic of the Union Pacific system is being felt at Baker. The railroad has made the announcement that the ticket selling force will be reduced. The same order is understood also to affect the office of La Grande.

The Masonic lodges and Eastern Star chapters of Linn county are laying plans for the county-wide memorial and religious ceremonies which will be performed jointly at a gathering to be held at the Masonic and Eastern Star home in Forest Grove, July 6.

State Treasurer Myers invested \$54,500 of the soldiers' bonus funds in county, school and improvement bonds. The appropriation was apportioned as follows: \$20,000 in Klamath county bonds to yield 4.80; \$22,000 in Clatsop county bonds to yield 4.66; \$5000 in Morrow county bonds to yield 4.90; \$2500 in St. Helens water bonds to yield 5.25, and \$5000 in Oregon highway bonds to yield 4.50.

Fred Kurtz, an orchardist near Salem has succeeded in exterminating several colonies of gophers that were damaging his trees by the simple expedient of connecting the exhaust of his tractor with the animal runways and starting the engine. The carbon monoxide fumes from the exhaust quickly killed entire colonies. Experiments have shown that practically the same results may be obtained by using an automobile exhaust.

Two persons were killed and 113 others were more or less seriously injured in 3960 traffic accidents in Oregon during May, according to the monthly report of T. A. Rafferty, chief of the state traffic squad. Fifty per cent of the month's accidents, or 1929 out of the total 3960, were due to carelessness, the reports point out. 886 were due to failure to give right

of way, 102 resulted from cutting corners, 57 from speeding and 53 from reckless driving.

Water from a sand filled volcano crater may solve Bend's water problem, if an offer to be made to the city council by a local concern is accepted. The crater is located within two miles from the center of Bend and is owned by the Bend Brick company. A well was drilled 327 feet into the floor of the crater more than ten years ago and the supply of water that was tapped at that time has never been diminished, regardless of the fact that thousands of gallons are taken out daily.

Widespread interest and speculation was aroused in Newberg over the recent discovery of what is believed to be the fossil remains of some mammoth prehistoric carnivorous animal. William Myers, an employee of the Yamhill Electric company, in clearing the Ole swimming hole in Chehalom creek near First street, came upon several disarticulated leg and jaw bones lying on the bedrock of the stream beneath four feet of water. Hogs tusks 6 feet in length and 7 inches in diameter at the base, were found.

An effort will be made by the Oregon Pioneer association to have Lone Fir cemetery in Portland, kept as a park. A resolution was adopted at the fifty-second annual reunion of the association that the pioneer dead in this old cemetery be not disturbed and that the grounds be transformed into a park as a tribute to the folk of early days. Officers elected for the pioneer association were: David S. Stearns, who came to Oregon in 1857, Portland, president; the Rev. Bruce Wolverton, Portland, vice president; George H. Hines, Portland, secretary; William M. Ladd, Portland, treasurer; Charles W. Dickinson, Oswego, Mrs. Mary Barlow Wilkins and L. H. Baker, Portland, directors.

An attempt to escape from the Oregon state prison was frustrated when J. W. Lilly, deputy warden, sent 14 men to solitary confinement. The men planned to escape through a 40-foot underground passageway leading from the center of a woodpile to a point outside the prison wall. Those implicated were declared among the most dangerous criminals in the prison and included five who made the daring escape over the wall several months ago. The plot to gain freedom was conceived several weeks ago, and had it been successful between 20 and 30 men would have left the prison. Deputy Lilly declared. The plan was to gain the outside of the wall under cover of darkness.

The Douglas county association of Portland held its 13th annual Douglas county day gathering and picnic at Peninsula park, June 22. The membership consists of 730 former residents of Douglas county.

Harrisburg will have a community house. Preparations were started when a scene of business men met and inspected plans for the building. The estimated cost is \$13,000, with an additional \$1000 for equipment.