

# NO APOLOGY FOR SUPPORT SAYS HOOVER

"It Was My Duty to Support the President During the War." Declares Republican Candidate and I Offer No Apologies"— Urges Friends to Sling No Mud at Opponents, Who Are Patriotic Honorable American Citizens.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Herbert Hoover, who has announced he is ready to accept the republican presidential nomination if it is demanded of him issued a statement today in which he requested he be not further embarrassed by suggestions of some independents that his name be placed before any other party, as "a primary sense of team work in any party organization would preclude such a possibility."

Mr. Hoover said in his statement he had no great record of partisan activity and "admitted" that his political activity was confined to membership in a prominent republican club and allegiance to the party over a period of years. He added that because of his profession of a mining engineer, continual shift of residence had prevented him from exercising as much as he desired the privilege of every citizen at the polls.

No Personal Canvas  
Asserting that his administrative duties in various relief organizations would prevent him from making a personal canvass for the nomination, Mr. Hoover said he expected Hoover organizations throughout the country would have to expend certain amounts for printing and other expenses, but that he hoped they would confine themselves to minor subscriptions and expenditures and would be prepared to open their books to public inspection.

Don't Sling Mud  
Mr. Hoover requested that men and women advocating his nomination "bear in mind that personal criticism of the other names before the party is chiefly of service to the opposition."

"All these men," he said, "are patriotic, honorable Americans. They have all served the country well and are entitled to respect."

Because he had refused to allow his name out into the primaries, Mr. Hoover declared there was "little organization" on his behalf and at this late date no organization is possible that could compete with other organizations. He urged that his supporters confine their energies to "promotion of their views to the country and to the delegates already named, with full respect to their prior pledges."

The Partisan Scored  
Mr. Hoover said that he had no expectation that his entrance into the presidential race would be welcomed by the "type of person who conceives that fitness for office, patriotism and citizenship, depend upon placing sheer partisanship above national interest or who requires years of demonstrated participation in work with mechanical politicians."

"I cannot assist these people with explanations trying to prove that I belong to their class," he added.

Did Support Wilson  
"Some people of this sort feel great trouble of mind that in a letter addressed to a friend last year I expressed my alarm at the then growing partisanship and pressed the need for unity of action between  
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# ATTORNEY GENERAL PALMER STARTS DRIVE ON SOFT COAL PROFITEERS

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Federal district attorneys were instructed today by Attorney General Palmer to receive and consider complaints of profiteering in bituminous coal, "which may arise in your district under the Lever act."

# PORTERVILLE GARAGE TANK EXPLODES, TWO KILLED, MANY INJURED

PORTERVILLE, Cal., April 3.—Two men were killed, another lies in a critical condition, several others were injured and the lives of scores of citizens endangered by the explosion of an oxygen tank today that demolished the rear of the City garage.

# 1920 POPULATION RETURNS SHOW BIG INCREASE IN EAST

WASHINGTON, April 3.—To date population of 253 of the approximately 14,000 incorporated cities, towns and villages in the country have been announced by the census bureau. Virtually all show increases and some have more than doubled in size. Some of the larger cities, including Chicago and New Orleans, are being prepared for announcement while New York's portfolios are almost all in.

# MRS. KIMBALL FEARFUL LOSING ART TREASURES

CHICAGO, April 3.—Fearing art thieves were planning to loot the house, conservators of the estate of Mrs. W. W. Kimball today asked the Chicago Art Institute to take charge of the Kimball collection of paintings, and other art objects. Mrs. Kimball is the aged widow of the piano manufacturer. Experts who recently examined the collection valued the pictures at "far in excess of \$2,000,000." The jewels and other pieces were pronounced "valuable beyond estimate."

# U. S. REPORT ON ARMENIA SENT TO THE SENATE

President Wilson Transmits Report of American Commission Headed by Major Harbord—First Year's Cost of Mandate Would Be Only \$275,000,000.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—President Wilson transmitted to the senate today the report of the American commission, headed by Major General Harbord, which investigated conditions in Armenia. The report had twice been asked for by the senate, first last November and then under a resolution adopted several weeks ago.

The commission made no recommendations as to the United States establishing a mandate over Turkey and Armenia, but its report contained extensive arguments for and against such action.

No mandate should be taken the commission said, without formal agreement with France and Great Britain and also "definite approval" of Germany and Russia. The inhabitants, the commission stated, desire America to take the mandate first, with Great Britain their second choice.

The principal arguments advanced in favor of the United States accepting a mandate were that the influence of the United States would tend to avert wars, that the inhabitants wanted American protection and that this would give the United States an opportunity to do a great humanitarian work.

Reasons advanced against a mandate were that it "would weaken our position relative to the Monroe doctrine," that "humanitarianism begins at home," and that the first year's cost would be \$275,000,000, including \$88,500,000 for the army and navy.

# MARION COUNTY TAX RESTRAINED

SALEM, Ore., April 3.—Every county in the state and three laws passed by the legislature of 1919 are said to be affected by a decree of the Marion county circuit court yesterday, restraining the county court and the tax collector from enforcing the collection of taxes under a special separate levy in excess of the 6 per cent limitation amendment to the Oregon constitution.

# Census Returns

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Population statistics announced today by the census bureau included: Pottsville, Pa., 21,875, an increase of 1,540 or 7.7 per cent over 1910. Logansport, Ind., 21,626, increase 2,507 or 13.5 per cent. Connorsville, Ind., 9,901, increase 2,163, or 28 per cent. Lorain, Ohio 37,295, increase 8412 or 29.1 per cent. Waukegan, Ill., 19,199, increase 3130 or 19.5 per cent. Pekin, Ill., 12,086, increase 2189 or 22.1 per cent. Millville, N. J., 14,691 increase 2240 or 18 per cent.

# BUY LIBERTY BONDS DON'T SELL THEM, PLEA GOVERNOR STEPHENS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 3.—Governor Stephens today issued a letter in which he said: "Now is the time to purchase Liberty bonds and Victory notes, not to sell them. They are below par chiefly because those who purchased them during the war are now forcing their holdings on the market in excess of the demand."

"All financial authorities are agreed that Liberty bonds and Victory notes will be worth considerably more than par long before their maturity. These bonds and notes of the United States government are the safest investment in the world. They can be purchased at this time very advantageously. Instead of selling your bonds keep them and buy as many more as you can."

# WILSON POLICY IN TURKEY AROUSES BITTER FEELING

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 1.—(By the Associated Press)—President Wilson's note to the allies intimating that the Turks must get out of Europe, came as a shock to all Turkish parties.

Mr. Wilson's note appeared in a slightly censored form which made the position of the United States seem harsher than it appeared in the full text of the communication. The note was equally displeasing to the Greeks, who were much offended at the American president's apparent unwillingness to grant their claims to a large district about Smyrna and his insistence that Adrianople be given to the Bulgarians.

# LATEST NEWS OF THE STATE

PORTLAND, April 3.—According to a bulletin just issued by the West Coast Lumbermen's association, the 128 mills represented in its report made total rail shipments last week of 2348 cars, or 67,440,000 feet and new business accepted was \$3,416,698 feet, of which 61,950,000 will move by rail and 2,246,819 will be delivered locally. Of water shipments 10,236,034 feet will be exported and 8,983,755 feet will go to domestic markets.

FALLS CITY, Ore., April 3.—An 18-inch snowfall in the mountains southwest of here necessitated the closing of two logging camps Wednesday, giving an enforced vacation to about 170 employes. Operations have ceased at both the Spalding Lumber company's camp and the Willamette Valley Lumber company's camp, and will not be resumed until the weather moderates and some of the snow leaves.

EUGENE, Ore., April 3.—E. R. Spencer, county commissioner, has been elected president of the Lane county fair association. He succeeds W. C. Yoran, who was elected secretary, taking the place of Ray H. Wood, who has resigned and will leave at once for Salt Lake City, Utah, to reside. Roy Woodruff was chosen as vice president to succeed Mr. Spencer.

# RADICALS WIN OUT IN ARGENTINE ELECTION

BUENOS AIRES, April 2.—Census of the votes cast in the recent Argentine elections show that out of 158 seats in the next congress, which will convene in May, radicals will hold at least 102. The count is completed with the exception of one province, where only one seat is involved. Conservatives and democrats, who were allied in the campaign, will have 45 seats and the socialists 10.

# EXPECT WATER IN VALLEY BY SPRING 1921

Judge Calkins Renders a Decision, Which Makes Prompt Construction Work on New Fish Lake Project Practically Certain—District Has Right to Sell Bonds Says Court.

The final decision of Judge Calkins handed down on Friday confirming the acts of the directors of the Medford Irrigation District and allowing the issuing of bonds voted by the landowners in September, 1918, removes the last obstacle to immediate construction work and makes it almost certain that water will be delivered on the land in the spring of 1921.

The decision comes as the end of a bitter fight against water by a minority of land owners and is sweeping in its findings. Every point prayed for by the board of directors of the district, has been settled in its favor.

The board of directors announced last night that the final report of the Little Butte project upon which its engineers have been working for the past four months is in final shape and will be reported to the state engineer within a few days. This project has been handled throughout with the help of Mr. Camper and under his advice so it will receive his approval without the shadow of a doubt. Complications of acreage and land values have been completed and the directors report to the State Irrigation Securities Commission is ready for immediate filing. Every effort is being made to begin actual construction work within six weeks and one of the conditions of the contract will be the completion of the works in time for the 1921 irrigation season.

District of 10,000 Acres  
President Leonard Carpenter of the Medford Irrigation District gave the following outline of the Little Butte project today:

"Since the formation of the district three years ago every water source available has had a thorough investigation. By a process of elimination controlled on the one hand by the excessively dry years and on the other by the constantly increased cost of construction the Little Butte project for ten thousand acres has been arrived at. This project contemplates the erection of dams at Four Mile and Fish Lake with the necessary canals to bring the water to the high point of each ownership which can be reached by gravity. Data have been assembled by specialists and submitted to the board upon every disputed point. Geological recommendations have been made by the state geologist. Water findings and records by the head of the U. S. Geologic Department in Oregon. Water duty and general irrigation practice by the head of the Irrigation Department at the O. A. C. and by the local county agricultural engineer by the head of the U. S. Reclamation Service west of the Rocky Mountains. In every respect the directors have been satisfied with the reports submitted before taking the next step."

# Offer Bids at Once

"Judge Calkin's decision confirming the organization of the district and allowing the directors to use the bonds voted in 1918 makes it possible to immediately advertise for bids upon the bonds and for the construction work. Final copies of the reports to the state engineer and the Irrigation Securities commission are being made and will be sent to Salem on Monday. Actual construction work should be commenced within six weeks and the dams at the two lakes will be completed in time to impound the run off waters of 1920-21. More than half of the acreage embraced within the district will receive the benefits of water during the growing season of 1921. During the past few days many acres for which elimination petitions were filed have been re-petitioned into the district. Some what more than 50 per cent of the entire acreage is orchard property. Less than 250 acres are at the present time unutilized and all of the waste lands have been eliminated. One of the immediate results has been the number of prospective new landowners who have visited the irrigation offices to assure themselves that lands upon which they have options will be retained in the district. Altogether, the directors are more than pleased with the success which has crowned their three years of constant effort. It is to be regretted that the whole acreage of the Medford Irrigation District will not receive the benefits of water, but enough land has remained in to assure a measure of prosperity to the valley, comparable  
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# DEPOSED N. Y. SOCIALISTS DEMAND NEW ELECTION WANT TO RUN AGAIN

NEW YORK, April 3.—Officials of socialist party organizations in New York City, meeting today to plan their campaign for re-seating of the five socialist assemblymen ousted from the lower house this week on charges of disloyalty, decided to demand that Governor Smith call special elections to fill the vacancies caused by this action. It was announced that if this demand was granted, the contest would run again for office and were confident of being re-elected.

# 34 CASES OF FIZZ SEIZED PORTLAND OFFENDER FINED

PORTLAND, Ore., April 3.—Deputy sheriffs seized 34 cases of champagne and nineteen cases of assorted wines in a store room here today, the biggest haul of liquor taken in months, according to the authorities. Harry Jones, whom the sheriff's deputies say has admitted shipping the wine from California, was arrested and turned over to federal authorities.

The manager of the storeroom where the liquor was found was not held by the district attorney because, he is quoted as saying, there was nothing he had done for which he could be prosecuted. According to Deputy Sheriff Christofferson, Jones told him he bought the wines in California two months ago and arranged for their shipment here. The boxes containing the wine were labeled "paper napkins." Jones pleaded guilty when arraigned and was fined \$500.

# STERLING EXCHANGE JUMPS 50 PERCENT

NEW YORK, April 3.—Dealers in exchange reported an active market for London remittances today. The rate for demand bills rose to \$3.97 with cables at 398. These are the highest quotations in this market since last December and show a recovery of almost fifty per cent from the low of February when demand fell to \$3.18. French and Italian quotations were only nominally better today and remittances to other continental European centers were light.

# Railroad Strike Settled

ROANOKE, Va., April 3.—Employees of the Norfolk and Western railway returned to work today. The strike of approximately 12,000 workers representing fourteen organized crafts, has been settled by an agreement between officials of the railroad and by local and international representatives of the unions.

# Predicts Normal Weather

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# PROMINENT URUGUAY EDITOR IS KILLED IN DUEL BY EX-PRESIDENT

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, April 2. Political excitement prevails in this city tonight, as a result of the death of Washington Beltran, editor of the newspaper El Pais in a duel with former President Jose Batlle y Ordoñez this morning. After the last elections in Uruguay, the nationalists accused the "Batllistas," the party headed by the former president, of frauds. Beltran's newspaper, in an editorial discussing the elections, called Batlle the "champion of fraud." It was this utterance that led to the fatal duel.

# GOV'T ARMY IS SWEEPING BACK REDS

Ebert Troops Advance Rapidly Against Insurgent Forces in Ruhr District—Dusenberger Harbor and Ruhrort Rhinish Prussia Are Taken — Left Wing Advancing Toward Hamm—General Strike in Ruhr District Called Off.

COBLENZ, April 3.—(By the Associated Press)—The reichswehr captured Duisberg, Rhinish Prussia and Ruhrort, the harbor of Duisberg, late this afternoon, after much street fighting, according to advices received this evening.

THE HAGUE, April 3.—The general advance of the German government troops along the entire front against the insurgent forces in the Ruhr and neighboring industrial regions which began at 7 o'clock Friday morning, has been very successful, according to well informed Dutch sources. The troops forced the reds to retreat across the Tasterberg and the government forces have already penetrated Hamm, the advices state.

At the center of the front the government troops have taken Recklinghausen, 13 miles northwest of Essen, while the left wing is advancing from Hamm westward. Companies of the red army have been named after prominent Russian and other extremists, bearing such names as "Com pany Lenin," "Company Trotsky," and "Company Karl Liebknecht." The personnel, however, is mostly German.

COPENHAGEN, April 3.—Decision to call off the general strike in the entire Ruhr industrial region was reached at a plenary session of the executive council of the district yesterday, according to a dispatch from Essen. It will be renewed, however, if the Berlin government fails to fulfill obligations entered into with the workers.

# 7 G. O. P. CANDIDATES TO OPEN IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO April 3.—Three more republican candidates for the presidency are planning to open headquarters and join the Wood and Lowden forces on "Presidential Row" in a downtown hotel, it was announced today.

Rooms have been reserved by friends of Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university; Governor Coakley of Massachusetts; and Senator Miles Polinder.

The Harding and Hoover forces also are expected to open their headquarters here prior to the convention June 8.

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Batlle who was twice president of Uruguay and now is a member of the national administrative council, voluntarily gave himself up to the police following an order by the state prosecutor for his arrest, as well as that of doctors, seconds and other persons connected with the duel. He is being held incommunicado in a police station. The chamber of deputies at a special session late tonight unanimously adopted a resolution creating an annual pension of \$3,000 to Batlle's widow. The chamber also sent a message of sympathy to the widow. Batlle's family has requested that the body lie in state in the chamber of deputies, pending the funeral.