

Maximum yesterday 62
Minimum today 29

Fair.

Daily—Fifteenth Year. Weekly—Fiftieth Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1921

NO. 288

HOOVER IS DEFINITELY IN CABINET

President-elect Harding Formally Confirms Appointment of Ex-Food Administrator After Cancellation Was Threatened—Wallace Also Confirmed.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 25.—President-elect Harding's selection of Herbert Hoover to be secretary of commerce in the coming administration was finally confirmed by Mr. Harding today after a series of developments that at one time seemed likely to lead to cancellation of the appointment.

Mr. Harding announced that he had found himself in "perfect accord" with the policies urged by Mr. Hoover as a condition of his entering the cabinet and that the entire incident had been closed with a definite acceptance from the former food administrator.

At the same time he virtually confirmed also the selection of Henry Wallace of Iowa to be secretary of agriculture. The selection of Mr. Wallace has been well known for some time, although previously Mr. Harding had declined to discuss it.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 25.—With developments moving toward final confirmation of his tentative cabinet slate, President-elect Harding took a holiday from cabinet making and motored to Jacksonville today to be the guest at a public luncheon at a Masonic ceremony.

Mr. Harding continued his silence regarding the whole cabinet situation and efforts early in the day to obtain comment on Herbert Hoover's acceptance of the commerce portfolio were unavailing.

Under the circumstances, Mr. Hoover will enter the cabinet with an unusual status. So far as is known, here, not other member has outlined a department policy in detail as a condition of accepting his portfolio.

In Perfect Accord Asked about the condition laid down by Mr. Hoover, which included endorsement by Mr. Harding of a definite policy for re-organization of the commerce department the president-elect said:

"We are in perfect accord as to what the department ought to be made. I wouldn't want Mr. Hoover or any other secretary to take a department unless he intended to do things with it."

He added that he saw nothing out of the ordinary about the case except the publicity given it. Every other prospective cabinet appointee, he said, had discussed with him the matter of permanent department policies.

In the course of his comment Mr. Harding expressed surprise that Mr. Hoover had made a statement on the subject in New York last night. The president-elect said he had intended to announce the appointment here today but that his prospective secretary had acted entirely within his privileges in taking the initiative.

The reference to Mr. Wallace's appointment came in reply to a question relative to an article by the Iowa editor recently published, on policies he might pursue as secretary of agriculture.

"Unless there shall be some unlooked for development," was Mr. Harding's only comment, "I have a strong suspicion that Mr. Wallace will be serving in that capacity."

DAUGHERTY REFUSES TO DISCUSS G. O. P. CHANGES PROHIBITION LAW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—A new plan for enforcement of prohibition is being discussed among republican leaders as a prospective policy of the Harding administration. It contemplates abolishing the present dual enforcement machinery of the treasury and justice departments and centralizing full responsibility and authority in the attorney general.

Receiver Appointed For Georgia Railroad Losing \$100,000 Mo.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 25.—Judge S. H. Sibley, in the federal court today appointed President B. L. Bugg as receiver for the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad. The order was issued on petition of the Birmingham Trust and Savings company of Birmingham, Ala., which alleged that it held a note for \$90,000 due March 7, which the road was unable to pay.

MURDER VICTIM IN PORTLAND WAS AN AUSTRIAN OFFICER

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 25.—Following identification last night of the body of a murdered man found close to the city Tuesday as that of Harry I. Powlak, second cook on the steamer Montague, officers today were searching for John Bruno, first cook on the vessel and a roommate of Powlak since they landed here. They said they had no evidence to connect Bruno with the murder but thought he might shed some light on the case.

Identification of Powlak, made through finger prints and a passport photograph, was effected after B. E. Phillips of Courtney Station yesterday had informed the sheriff's office that he recognized the victim as a former Austrian officer who feared assassination. Officers working on the case said today they were satisfied Phillips' identification was incorrect.

Powlak, it developed, had come to the Pacific coast from Vladivostok last summer on the steamer Waban. He re-shipped from Portland on the Montague, November 10 and arrived back in this city on the same boat February 13. Members of the crew were paid off, but most of them remained in Portland.

Deputy Sheriffs Christofferson, Beckman and Schirmer said they learned that on Monday February 14 Bruno went to the Montague where he told the paymaster that Powlak was sick and had left the city. He drew Powlak's pay, \$140, the ship's officers said.

Some of the ship's crew were said to have last seen Powlak in the city on Saturday, February 19.

\$772,000 LIBERTY BONDS STOLEN

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Theft of Liberty bonds of par value of \$772,000 was announced by the Northern Trust company today. The bonds were worth \$670,000 at market prices. The bank accuses a clerk, William Dalton, who handled Liberty bond transactions, of the theft.

WELCH FOUND GUILTY

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Feb. 25.—J. Fred Welch, was found guilty here today of murder in the first degree in connection with the explosion of the dredger Beaver near here December 16, in which four lives were lost.

MEDFORD GETS LOWER RATES UPON LUMBER

Long Fought for Reduction in Freight Rates Secured, Says Wire From E. A. Welch—Puts Medford on Equality With Weed and Klamath.

Readjustment of lumber freight rates, placing Medford on the same basis as Klamath Falls and Weed, and permitting the lumber mills of southern Oregon to compete with them, has been effected, according to a telegram received this morning by the Chamber of Commerce, from E. A. Welch, chairman of the rate committee of the organization, who has been in San Francisco, conferring with Southern Pacific officials.

According to Secretary Froehsch of the Chamber of Commerce, this is the most constructively industrial step of years for this section.

The telegram received from Mr. Welch is as follows: "San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 24 1921. Chamber of Commerce, Medford, Oregon.

"New rates on common rough lumber and box shooks from Medford to Marysville, Sacramento, San Francisco and points south will be the same as now applying from Klamath Falls. Should any reduction be given later to other points in Oregon have assurance of railroad that Medford will enjoy like reduction. These rates effective soon. There will be published new rates on lumber from Medford and other Pacific coast points to become effective thirty days after notice. New rates Medford to Omaha and Kansas City sixty-six and one-half cents against old rate seventy-three one-half cents; to Chicago, seventy-three cents against old rate eighty-six one-half cents."

"E. A. WELCH." "The rates on common rough lumber and box shooks has heretofore been \$2 per thousand feet higher than from Klamath Falls," said Secretary Froehsch this morning, "and the committee of four, composed of E. A. Welch as chairman, E. C. Gaddis, H. C. Garnett and George T. Collins have been working for many months to present evidence to the Southern Pacific showing a discriminatory rate. This they did without any difficulty, and these citizens deserve great credit for their success."

"The new rates mean that the infant lumber industry of southern Oregon will be able to compete with Klamath Falls and Weed, Cal., in the California markets, in the east and in Oriental trade also, as they have the same access to the market as their older competitors."

FOREIGN TRADE IN JANUARY SLUMPS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—A shrinkage of \$66,000,000 in American export trade in January was reported today by the department of commerce. Imports for the month fell off \$55,000,000 as compared with the December figures.

Exports in January totaled \$655,000,000 as compared with \$722,000,000 in January 1920. Imports totaled \$209,000,000 compared with \$474,000,000 in the same month a year ago and was the smallest in any month since February, 1918.

LATEST NEWS OF THE STATE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—Governor Olcott today announced he had signed the Sheldon bill, passed by the legislature, providing for organization and maintenance of school districts under certain conditions.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—Governor Olcott late yesterday relieved until March 1 George Howard, under sentence to die today for murder of George H. Sweeney of Vale. The reprieve was issued because papers stating execution due to an appeal, would not reach Salem before the time set for the execution.

ROSEBURG, Feb. 25.—Thomas R. Harris, aged 47, yesterday appeared at the United States land office here and filed a homestead right on 80 acres of land. The rugged old man signed the necessary papers with a firm hand and without the use of glasses. If he lives to prove up on the claim, Mr. Harris will be more than 100 years old.

CARUSO FEELS LIKE KING ON HIS 48TH BIRTHDAY NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Enrico Caruso said he felt like a "king" when he awoke today, the forty-eighth anniversary of his birth.

The famous singer is much improved and physicians have relaxed their constant vigil at his bedside.

223 Coal Operators Owners and Workers Indicted in Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 23.—An indictment containing five counts charging conspiracy to violate the Sherman anti-trust act, was returned by the federal grand jury today against 223 coal operators, coal operators' associations, coal mining companies and coal miners. The list of indicted includes persons and corporations in Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Ohio, which comprise the central competitive coal field.

Included among those indicted are John L. Lawia, president of the United Mine Workers of America; William Green, secretary of the United Mine Workers of America; Percy Teltow, statistician, United Mine Workers of America.

HARDING IS FOR NO REDUCTION IN NAVY PLANS

President-elect Sends Word to Senate Leaders He Favors Adequate Appropriations for Navy—Action May Result in Bill's Defeat.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(By the Associated Press)—President-elect Harding sent word today to senate republican leaders that he desired adequate appropriations for the navy and favored continuing the present building program without material reductions.

With this definite statement of what was regarded as the new administration's naval policy, senate republican leaders declared they would insist upon the senate increasing over the house totals in the naval appropriations bill, even at the risk of defeating the bill at this session.

Mr. Harding's views were given in response to inquiries regarding the reduced appropriations made by the house. The president-elect replied that he was in complete sympathy with the action of the senate naval committee yesterday in increasing the house totals.

The president-elect, it was said, did not indicate his position with reference to Senator Borah's disarmament proposal. Some senate leaders said, however, they felt assured that he would favor disarmament provided a general agreement could be obtained and that consequently prospects for adoption of Senator Borah's disarmament resolution had improved.

Leaders expressed doubt whether the house would yield to the senate increases proposed in the naval bill and said that it might be that the bill would not be passed before March 4.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Agreeing to all house amendments, the senate today passed the annual post office appropriation bill and sent it to the president. It carries approximately \$570,000,000.

The senate agreed to the house allotment of \$1,500,000 for transcontinental air mail service.

The senate also adopted the conference report on the diplomatic and consular bill, carrying about \$19,000,000, and it was prepared for transmission to President Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President Wilson received today Rolando Ricci, the new Italian ambassador; Prince Bibesco, the Rumanian minister; and Albert Blanchet, the Haitian minister.

SOLDIERS' BONUS BILL INTRODUCED IN UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 24.—A bill proposing relief and assistance for soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses who participated in the world war has been introduced in the house. By the terms of the bill a soldier would receive \$20 for every month he served subsequent to April 6, 1917 and prior to November 11, 1918.

PULLMAN PORTER MUST HANDLE HIGHWAYMEN

CINCINNATI, Feb. 25.—Passengers asleep in Pullman cars must be protected from theft of their property, according to a decision handed down by City Judge W. Meredith Yeatman.

The court's ruling, in effect was: "As a passenger would have no opportunity to watch his baggage when asleep, it follows that it is the duty of the Pullman company to maintain a reasonable watch over his property, while he is occupying a berth."

LABOR REFUSES TO UNITE UPON HARDING WIRE

Telegram Requesting President-elect to Recognize Organized Labor as Secy. of Labor, Opposed by Mine Workers and Others.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—All representatives of the national and international unions attending the American Federation of Labor conference did not endorse the telegram sent yesterday to President-elect Harding asking him to appoint a "recognized representative of organized labor" as secretary of labor.

Representatives of the United Mine Workers of America, the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers and the Seapens union, it was learned today, spoke against the message. Names of representatives of the nine workers and seamen union did not appear on the list of signers of the telegram.

Michael Tighe, president of the Amalgamated, is understood to have suggested that the message be so worded that it would not be construed as opposing James J. Davis of Pittsburg, tentatively selected as secretary of labor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Details of the new program of organized labor to combat any general movement for institution of the "open shop" were before the executive council of the American Federation of Labor today when it resumed its sessions following the closing of the national conference of labor leaders yesterday.

The executive council also had before it a proposal that organized labor request congress to repeal the Volstead prohibition enforcement act. It was stated, however, that final action on this matter probably would be withheld for the present.

While the council was meeting, official notification and copies of the declaration of principles adopted at Wednesday's conference were being sent out from the federation headquarters to all labor organizations throughout the country. Plans were in preparation also for the immediate launching of a nation-wide publicity campaign to gain public support for the declaration of principles.

CROWN FORCES IN IRELAND BEATEN 2-HOUR BATTLE

MACROOM, Ireland, Feb. 25.—Fifty auxiliary police, traveling in lorries were ambushed between this village and Ballyjourney today by 300 men. The ambush party opened fire from the cover of rocks along the road, killing one policeman and wounding six.

The battle lasted two hours, after which the military withdrew, leaving the attacking party still in possession of its stronghold.

Reserves were then rushed up by the military from neighboring barracks and the attack was renewed, with the assistance of battle airplanes.

In the first assault the major commanding the crown forces was killed and seven of his men were wounded, one mortally. The casualties of the ambushing party were not learned. The crown forces were unable to recover some of their wounded when they withdrew.

HAZING OF 3 GIRLS BY SALEM H. S. SECRET SOCIETY, AROUSES COMMUNITY

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—Sweeping investigation of the "T. A." society, a semi-secret organization within the Salem high school, was promised here today by members of the school board, Miss Margaret Pierce, 17; Miss Charlotte Zieher and Miss Prudence Patterson were injured during an initiation ceremony staged by the order Wednesday night, according to charges filed with the board.

Miss Pierce, daughter of A. N. Pierce, lost a tooth, received body bruises and scratches and yesterday was confined to her bed. The other girls were bruised about the body and were suffering from nervous shock.

659 Cases of Govt. Canned Goods Are Thrown Into River

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—Dr. E. L. Barnhouse, state food and drug inspector today announced that some of the government canned goods, which has been retailed in many places here, has been found unfit for consumption. He added that he has ordered 659 cases of the goods destroyed.

Dr. Barnhouse explained that his office has received numerous complaints recently as to the quality of the food and that following an investigation by his inspectors four local merchants were summoned to his office.

The merchants readily agreed to destroy the goods and 440 cases of olganberries, 53 cases of soy beans and 166 cases of kraut will be dumped in the Mississippi river Monday, he said.

NOW MR. 'SHADOW' PUTS IT OVER ON OLYMPIA POLICE

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 25.—Police officers and posses of citizens today were searching for an alleged blackmailer who last night attempted to extort \$10,000 from G. A. Mottman, Olympia merchant and former mayor under threat of dynamiting his department store.

A suspect captured last night by a party under Mayor C. H. Bowen, escaped while telephone inquiry was being made to verify the place of residence he had given. He is believed to have been wounded.

Mr. Mottman reported to police he had received a hand printed letter through the mail directing him to walk toward Tumwater, a suburb, at 9 o'clock last night with \$10,000 in a package, and to drop it when he saw three light flashes. He complied, carrying a decoy package of paper, after posses had been stationed to capture the blackmailer.

The lights flashed and Mr. Mottman dropped the package, but the man eluded the posses when they closed in. One party stopped a man who said he was just coming from work. He escaped while a member of the party was at a telephone and plunged into the brush under a volley of shots. Later a rifle, a pistol and a handkerchief full of cartridges were found near the spot where he disappeared. Examination of the Mottman store today revealed no sign of an attempt to plant bombs with electric wiring by which to explode them, as the letter had threatened.

BANKERS BALK AT SALARY PUBLICITY

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Keen interest was evinced in Wall street today in the order of the comptroller of the treasury, calling for a report on salaries of national bank officials in connection with the national bank call issued yesterday.

Such a report, it was pointed out, would mean the making public of such salaries as the law requires that bank statements in response to the comptroller's call must be published. Some bankers were reported to be seeking legal advice as to whether the order, which was said to be unprecedented, could be enforced.

NEGRO BIRTH RATE FOUR TIMES THAT OF WHITE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The negro population of New York City at the time of the 1920 census was 153,088, an increase of 61,379 or 69.9 per cent, the census bureau announced today. The white population was 5,459,004, an increase of 769,842 or 16.9 per cent and all others 7,966.

SKULL CAPS FOR ATHLETES

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—Manager Mack of the Philadelphia American league baseball club is considering the use of skull caps by his players to protect them from pitched balls, it was announced today.

COSTA RICO PANAMA WAR IMMINENT

Panama Mob Attacks Costa Rica Consulate—President Calls on People for Military Action—Costa Rica Troops Occupy Frontier Town—Washington Aroused.

PANAMA, Feb. 25.—Violent anti-Costa Rican demonstrations occurred in this city last night, reaching their culmination in an attack upon the Costa Rican consulate. The coat of arms was torn from the door of the consulate and was trampled by the crowd.

President Porras made a patriotic address, calling upon "loyal Panamanians" to present themselves today for the formation of military forces in case such a step should be necessary.

Late in the evening the presidential office made public telegrams confirming reports that Coto, a district at the Pacific end of the Panama-Costa Rican frontier had been occupied by Costa Rican forces.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Unless sharp developments mark the conflict of Panama and Costa Rica over the disputed territory of Coto, the state department will make no decisive move, it was intimated today at the department.

Because of the pending change of administrations, the only action contemplated is to set on foot an inquiry as to the facts.

PANAMA, Feb. 25.—Financial divorce of the United States and Panama is contemplated by the Panamanian government, it was indicated last night by President Porras. He stated that after Addison T. Ruan, the United States fiscal agent leaves, a Panamanian will be made fiscal agent. He also said it had been decided not to renew the contract with a United States bank to act as depository for government funds.

PORTLAND POLICE RAID CARD CLUB

PORTLAND, Feb. 25.—After boring holes in the roof to watch what was going on within the building, police early today raided the Hellenic club, where they alleged gambling was conducted. Some officers slid down through a skylight, some climbed through windows and the rest entered by the door.

Forty-nine men found themselves surrounded and were placed under arrest. Six patrol loads of men and two truck loads of paraphernalia were taken to the station. Altogether the men arrested placed \$275 in ball much of it in nickels, dimes and quarters.